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

East Palestine Memorial Public Library  
Columbiana County  
309 North Market Street  
East Palestine, Ohio 44413

We have performed the procedures enumerated below, which were agreed to by the Board of Trustees and the management of East Palestine Memorial Public Library (the Library), on the receipts, disbursements and balances recorded in the Library's cash basis accounting records for the years ended December 31, 2018 and 2017 and certain compliance requirements related to those transactions and balances, included in the information provided to us by the management of the Library. The Library is responsible for the receipts, disbursements and balances recorded in the cash basis accounting records for the years ended December 31, 2018 and 2017 and certain compliance requirements related to these transactions and balances included in the information provided to us by the Library. 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 recalculated the December 31, 2018 and December 31, 2017 bank reconciliations. We found no exceptions.
2. We agreed the January 1, 2017 beginning fund balances recorded in the Fund Ledger Report to the December 31, 2016 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, 2018 beginning fund balances recorded in the Fund Ledger Report to the December 31, 2017 balances in the Fund Ledger Report. We found no exceptions.
3. We agreed the totals per the bank reconciliations to the total of the December 31, 2018 and 2017 fund cash balances reported in the Fund Status Report. The amounts agreed.
4. We confirmed the December 31, 2018 bank account balances with the Library's financial institutions. The amount reported by Stifel, Nicolaus & Co was \$448.67 higher than the amount reported on the December 31, 2018 bank reconciliation. The difference is attributable to change in security value not recorded by the Library until the security matures. We also agreed the confirmed balances to the amounts appearing in the December 31, 2018 bank reconciliation.
5. We selected a sample (agreed upon) of five reconciling debits (such as outstanding checks) from the December 31, 2018 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. There were no exceptions.

6. We inspected investments held at December 31, 2018 and December 31, 2017 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.

### **Public Library Fund Receipts**

We selected two Public Library Fund (PLF) receipts from Columbiana County Cross Reference Report by Vendor Number from 2018 and two from 2017.

- a. We compared the amount from the Columbiana County Cross Reference Report by Vendor Number to the amount recorded in the Receipt Register Report. The amounts agreed.
- b. We inspected the Receipt Register Report and observed these receipts were posted to the General Fund. We found no exceptions.
- c. We inspected the Receipt Register Report and observed the receipts were recorded in the proper year. We found no exceptions.
- d. We inspected the Receipt Register Report to determine whether it included one PLF receipt per month for 2018 and 2017. We found no exceptions.

### **Intergovernmental Receipts**

We selected all receipts from the State Distribution Transaction Lists (DTL) from 2018 and all receipts from 2017. We also haphazardly selected all receipts from the Columbiana County Cross Reference Report by Vendor Number from 2018, there were no such receipts in 2017.

- a. We compared the amount from the above reports to the amount recorded in the Receipt Register Report. The amounts agreed.
- b. We inspected the Receipt Register Report to determine that these receipts were allocated to the proper fund. We found no exceptions.
- c. We inspected the Receipt Register Report to determine whether the receipts were recorded in the proper year. We found no exceptions.

### **Debt**

1. The prior agreed-upon procedures documentation disclosed no debt outstanding as of December 31, 2016.
2. We inquired of management, and inspected the Receipt Register Report and Payment Register Detail Report for evidence of debt issued during 2018 or 2017 or debt payment activity during 2018 or 2017. There were no new debt issuances, nor any debt payment activity during 2018 or 2017.

### **Payroll Cash Disbursements**

1. We selected one payroll check for five employees from 2018 and one payroll check for five employees from 2017 from the Wage Withholding Detail Report and:
  - a. We compared the hours and pay rate, or salary recorded in the Wage Withholding 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 to which the check was posted to determine the posting was reasonable based on the employees' duties as documented in the employees' personnel files and/or minute record. We also confirmed the payment was posted to the proper year. We found no exceptions.

2. We inspected the last remittance of tax and retirement withholdings for the year ended December 31, 2018 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 of 2018. We observed 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, 2019	December 31, 2018	\$1,689.10	\$1,689.10
State income taxes	January 15, 2019	December 31, 2018	\$317.78	\$317.78
School District Income Tax	January 15, 2019	December 31, 2018	\$44.54	\$44.54
Local income tax	January 15, 2019	December 31, 2018	\$474.94	\$474.94
OPERS retirement	January 30, 2019	December 31, 2018	\$3,759.86	\$3,759.86

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

We selected a sample (agreed upon) of ten disbursements from the Payment Register Detail Report for the year ended December 31, 2018 and ten from the year ended 2017 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.

#### **Compliance – Budgetary**

1. We compared total appropriations required by Ohio Admin. Code Section 117-8-02, to the amounts recorded in the Appropriation Status Report for 2018 and 2017 for the following funds: General, Nash Memorial Foundation and Capital Projects. The amounts on the appropriation resolutions agreed to the amounts recorded in the Appropriation Status Report except that the 2017 appropriations reported in the Appropriation Status Report for the General Fund exceeded appropriations approved by the Board by \$70,000.
2. Ohio Admin. Code Section 117-8-02 prohibits spending in excess of budgeted amounts. We compared total expenditures to total appropriations for the years ended December 31, 2018 and 2017 for the General, Nash Memorial Foundation and Capital Projects funds, as recorded in the Appropriation Status Report. We observed that no funds for which expenditures exceeded appropriations.
3. We inspected the Appropriation Status Report for the Roy D. Neely Memorial Fund. Not more than 5% of non-spendable monies were released, spent, or otherwise modified during the engagement period.

## Other Compliance

1. Ohio Rev. Code Section 117.38 requires libraries 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 Library 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, 2018 and 2017 in the Hinkle system. There were no exceptions.
2. For all credit card accounts we obtained:
  - copies of existing internal control policies,
  - a list(s) of authorized users, and
  - a list of all credit card account transactions.
  - a. We inspected the established policy obtained above and determined it:
    - i. Was not in compliance with the HB 312 statutory requirements for the audit period, and
    - ii. The Library adopted a new policy on May 9, 2019 that is in compliance.
  - b. We selected 3 credit card transactions for testing. For selected transactions we inspected documentation to determine that:
    - i. Use was by an authorized user within the guidelines established in the policy, and
    - ii. Each transaction was supported with original invoices and for a proper public purpose.

We found no exceptions.

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*. We were not engaged to, and did not conduct an examination, or review, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion or conclusion, respectively on the Library'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.

This report is to provide assistance in the evaluation of the Library's receipts, disbursements and balances recorded in their cash-basis accounting records for the years ended December 31, 2018 and 2017, and certain compliance requirements related to these transactions and balances and is not suitable for any other purpose.



Keith Faber  
Auditor of State

Columbus, Ohio

June 14, 2019

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**EAST PALESTINE MEMORIAL PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**COLUMBIANA 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  
JULY 25, 2019**