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

Bloom Township  
 Wood County  
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We have performed the procedures enumerated below, which were agreed to by the Board of Trustees and the management of Bloom Township, Wood County, Ohio (the Township), on the receipts, disbursements and balances recorded in the Townships cash basis accounting records for the years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018 and certain compliance requirements related to those transactions and balances, included in the information provided to us by the management of the Township. The Township is responsible for the receipts, disbursements and balances recorded in the cash basis accounting records for the years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018 and certain compliance requirements related to these transactions and balances included in the information provided to us by the Township. 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**

1. We recalculated the December 31, 2019 and December 31, 2018 bank reconciliations. We found no exceptions.
2. We agreed the January 1, 2018 beginning fund balances recorded in the Fund Status Report to the December 31, 2017 balances in the prior year audited statements. The following exceptions were noted due to the incorrect fund allocation of Homestead and Rollback monies identified in previous audits and the timing of when the corrections were made:

	January 1, 2018	December 31, 2017	Difference
General Fund	\$259,902	\$253,352	(\$6,550)
Road and Bridge Fund	147,200	153,995	6,795
Fire District Fund	295,375	292,205	(3,170)
Road Improvement District Fund	100,067	102,927	2,860
EMS Fund	167,459	167,524	65

We also agreed the January 1, 2019 beginning fund balances recorded in the Fund Status Report to the December 31, 2018 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, 2019 and 2018 fund cash balances reported in the Fund Status Report and the financial statements filed by the Township in the Hinkle System. The amounts agreed.

4. We confirmed the December 31, 2019 bank account balances with the Township's financial institutions. We found no exceptions. We also agreed the confirmed balances to the amounts appearing in the December 31, 2019 bank reconciliation without exception.
5. We selected five reconciling debits (such as outstanding checks) from the December 31, 2019 bank reconciliation:
  - a. We traced each debit to the subsequent January 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. There were no exceptions.
6. We inspected the Fund Status Report to determine whether the Findings for Adjustment identified in the prior audit report, due from the General and Fire District funds, payable to the Road and Bridge, Road Improvement District, and EMS funds, was properly posted to the report. We found no exceptions.

**Property Taxes and Intergovernmental Cash Receipts**

1. We selected a total of five receipts from the *Statement of Semiannual Apportionment of Taxes*, State Distribution Transaction Lists (DTL), and the County Auditor Detail Expense Report for 2019 and a total of five from 2018:
  - a. We compared the amount from the above named reports to the amount recorded in the Receipt Register Report. The amounts from the statement of semiannual apportionment of taxes included County Auditor deductions which were not posted to the expenditure ledger for either year of the review.
  - b. We inspected the Receipt Register Report to determine these receipts were allocated to the proper funds as required by Ohio Rev. Code Sections 5705.05-.06 and 5705.10. Homestead and rollback monies were allocated to the incorrect fund as the following amounts:

	2019	2018	Total
General Fund	(\$128)	(\$136)	(\$264)
Road and Bridge Fund	(1,882)	(1,844)	(3,726)
Fire District Fund	665	648	1,313
Road Improvement District Fund	819	816	1,635
EMS Fund	526	516	1,042

Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.10(D) requires revenue derived from a source other than the general property tax and which the law prescribes shall be used for a particular purpose shall be paid into a special fund for such purpose. The allocation of Homestead and rollback receipts did not follow the allocation indicated on the respective Statement of Semiannual Apportionment of Taxes. The Fiscal Officer recorded an adjustment on December 7, 2020 in the Township's financial records reimbursing the Fire District Fund \$1,313. Road Improvement District Fund \$1,635 and EMS Fund \$1,042 from the General Fund \$264 and Road and Bridge Fund \$3,726. Because we did not inspect all receipts, our report provides no assurance whether or not additional similar errors occurred.

- 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 two real estate tax receipts for 2019 and 2018. The Receipt Register Report included the proper number of tax receipts for each year.

**Debt**

1. The prior audit documentation disclosed no debt outstanding as of December 31, 2017.
2. We inquired of management, and inspected the Receipt Register Report and Payment Register Detail Report for evidence of debt issued during 2019 or 2018 or debt payment activity during 2019 or 2018. There were no new debt issuances, nor any debt payment activity during 2019 or 2018.

**Payroll Cash Disbursements**

1. We selected one payroll check for five employees from 2019 and one payroll check for five employees from 2018 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, legislatively or statutorily-approved rate or salary).
  - b. We inspected the fund and account codes 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 or as required by statute. 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, 2019 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 2019. 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, 2020	January 21, 2020	\$1,528.79	\$1,528.79
State income taxes	January 15, 2020	January 21, 2020	368.55	368.55
School District income tax	January 15, 2020	January 21, 2020	218.90	218.90
OPERS retirement	January 30, 2020	January 21, 2020	2,417.63	2,417.63

As stated above, the Township paid their State income tax and School District income tax after the due date. The Township should make payroll withholding remittances in a timely manner.

3. We compared total gross pay for the fiscal officer and each board member for 2019 and 2018 to the compensation permitted by Ohio Revised Code Sections 507.09 and 505.24, respectively. We found no exceptions.

4. We inquired of management and inspected the Payment Register Detail Report for the years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018 to determine if township employees and/or trustees were reimbursed for out-of-pocket insurance premiums. No such reimbursements occurred.

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

We selected 10 disbursements from the Payment Register Detail Report for the year ended December 31, 2019 and 10 from the year ended December 31, 2018 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 Section 5705.41(D). We found ten instances 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 Section 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 Section 5705.41(B) prohibits expenditures (disbursements plus certified commitments) from exceeding appropriations. We compared total expenditures to total approved appropriations (Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.38 and 5705.40) plus any carryover appropriations for the years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018 for the General, Gas Tax, and Fire District funds. There were no funds for which expenditures exceeded appropriations.
2. We inspected the 2019 and 2018 Revenue Status Reports and Appropriation Status Reports for evidence of interfund transfers exceeding \$100 which Ohio Rev. Code Sections 5705.14 - .16 restrict. We found no evidence of transfers these Sections prohibit.
3. We inspected the Cash Summary by Fund Report for the years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018 for negative cash fund balances. Ohio Rev. Code Section 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. No funds had a negative cash fund balances.

#### **Sunshine Law Compliance**

1. We inquired with Township management and determined that the Township did not have a public records policy during the engagement period as required by Ohio Rev. Code § 149.43(E)(2).
2. We inquired with Township management and determined that the Township did not have any completed public records requests during the engagement period.

3. We inquired with Township management and determined that the Township did not have any denied public records requests during the engagement period.
4. We inquired with Township management and determined that the Township did not have any public records requests with redactions during the engagement period.
5. We inquired with Township management and determined that the Township did not have a records retention schedule during the engagement period and therefore could not make it readily available to the public as required by Ohio Rev. Code § 149.43(B)(2).
6. We inquired with Township management and determined that the Township did not have a public records policy during the engagement period therefore could not provide it to the records custodian/manager as required by Ohio Rev. Code § 149.43(E)(2).
7. We inquired with Township management and determined that the Township did not have a policy manual during the engagement period therefore the public records policy could not be included as required by Ohio Rev. Code § 149.43(E)(2).
8. We inquired with Township management and determined that the Township did not have a public records policy during the engagement period therefore it could not be displayed in all the branches of the Township as required by Ohio Rev. Code § 149.43(E)(2).
9. We inquired with Township management and determined that the Township did not have any applications for record disposal submitted to the Records Commission during the engagement period.
10. We inspected individual training certificates 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.
11. We inspected the public notices for the public meetings held during the engagement period and determined the Township notified the general public or 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 were unable to determine if the Township notified the general public or news media of its regular and special meetings in 2019 and 2018.
12. 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.

13. We inspected the minutes from the engagement period in accordance with Ohio Rev. Code § 121.22(G) and determined the following:
- Executive sessions were only held at regular or special meetings.
  - The purpose for the meetings and going into an executive session (when applicable) correlated with one of the matters listed in Ohio Rev. Code Section 121.22(G).
  - Formal governing board actions were adopted in open meetings.
- We found no exceptions.

#### Other Compliance

- Ohio Rev. Code Section 117.38 requires townships 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 Township 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, 2019 and 2018 in the Hinkle system. There were no exceptions for 2018. Financial information for 2019 was filed on March 3, 2020 which was not within the allotted timeframe.
- 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 Section 507.12 and 733.81. Fiscal Officer obtained 0 of the required 12 hours of training.

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 Township'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 Township's receipts, disbursements and balances recorded in their cash-basis accounting records for the years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018, and certain compliance requirements related to these transactions and balances and is not suitable for any other purpose.



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November 7, 2020



# OHIO AUDITOR OF STATE KEITH FABER



**BLOOM TOWNSHIP**

**WOOD 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.



**Certified for Release 12/31/2020**

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