

***RICHLAND TOWNSHIP***

**CLINTON COUNTY, OHIO**

**AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES**

**For the Years Ended December 31, 2019 and 2018**







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Richland Township  
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We have reviewed the *Independent Accountants' Report on Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures* of Richland Township, Clinton County, prepared by Charles E. Harris & Associates, Inc., for the period January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2019. Based upon this review, we have accepted this report in lieu of the audit required by Section 117.11, Revised Code.

Our review was made in reference to the applicable sections of legislative criteria, as reflected by the Ohio Constitution, and the Revised Code, policies, procedures and guidelines of the Auditor of State, regulations and grant requirements. Richland Township is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

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Keith Faber  
Auditor of State  
Columbus, Ohio

June 17, 2020

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

Richland Township  
Clinton County  
1724 Black Road  
Sabina, Ohio 45169

We have performed the procedures enumerated below, which were agreed to by the Board of Trustees and the management of Richland Township (the Township), Clinton County, Ohio and the Auditor of State, on the receipts, disbursements and balances recorded in the Township's 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 and Investments**

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 Cash Summary by Fund Report to the December 31, 2017 balances in the documentation in the prior year Agreed-Upon Procedures working papers. We found no exceptions. We also agreed the January 1, 2019 beginning fund balances recorded in the Cash Summary by Fund Report to the December 31, 2018 balances in the Cash Summary by Fund 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 Cash Summary by Fund Report and the financial statements filed by the Township in the Hinkle System. We noted that the amount did not agree for December 31, 2019. The book balance on the bank reconciliation was \$426 lower than the amount on the Cash Summary by Fund Report and the Hinkle report. This was due to timing differences that self-corrected in January 2020.
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 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, 2019 and December 31, 2018 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, Intergovernmental and Other Confirmable 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 Vendor Central Lists 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 Revenue Ledger. The amounts agreed.
  - b. We inspected the Revenue Ledger to determine these receipts were allocated to the proper funds as required by Ohio Rev. Code Sections 5705.05-.06 and 5705.10. We found one receipt of \$6,234.89 in 2019 for real estate rollback taxes that was coded to the general fund and should have been allocated between the General, Road and Bridge and the Cemetery Levy Fund. We brought this to management's attention, and they processed adjusting entries to correct the fund balances.
  - c. We inspected the Revenue Ledger 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 Revenue Ledger to determine whether it included two real estate tax receipts for 2019 and 2018. The Revenue Ledger included the proper number of tax receipts for each year.

#### **Debt**

1. The prior agreed-upon procedures documentation disclosed no debt outstanding as of December 31, 2017.
2. We inquired of management and inspected the Revenue Ledger and Cash Journal 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 Wage 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 reasonable based on the employees' duties as documented in the personnel files and/or minute records or by statute. We also confirmed the payment was posted to the proper year. We found no exceptions.
  - c. For any new employees selected we inspected the minute records for the following information and compared it with the information used to compute gross and net pay related to this check:
    - i. Name
    - ii. Authorized salary or pay rate and departments and funds to which the check should be charged
    - iii. Retirement system, Federal, State & Local income tax withholding authorization and withholding
 We found no exceptions related to procedures i. – iii. above.
  
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	December 27, 2019	\$792.55	\$792.55
State income taxes	January 15, 2020	December 30, 2019	\$362.76	\$362.76
R.I.T.A.	January 31, 2020	December 31, 2019	\$319.17	\$319.17
OPERS retirement	January 30, 2020	December 27, 2019	\$1,691.02	\$1,691.02

3. For the pay periods ended August 31, 2019 and May 31, 2018, we
  - a. Recomputed the allocation of the Boards' salaries to the General, Motor Vehicle, Gasoline and Road and Bridge Fund per the Wage Detail Report.
  - b. Traced the Boards' salary for time or services performed to supporting certifications the Ohio Revised Code requires.
 We found no exceptions.
  
4. 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.

5. We inquired of management and inspected the Payment Export 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**

1. We selected 10 disbursements from the Payment Export 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 Export Report and to the names and amounts on the supporting invoices. We noted one instance in 2018 where the check number on the Payment Export Report was different from the number on the cancelled check.
  - 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.

#### **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, Gasoline Tax, and Cemetery fund. 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 \$5,000 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.
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 balance.

#### **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.
2. We inquired of Township management and noted no public records requests during the engagement period.
3. We inquired of Township management and noted no denied public records requests during the engagement period.
4. We inquired of Township management and noted no public requests with redactions during the engagement period.

5. We inquired with Township management and determined that the Township did not have a records retention policy during the engagement period and therefore could not make it readily available to the public.
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.
7. 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 included in a policy manual.
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.
9. We inquired of 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 (or his/her designee) successfully attended a certified three-hour Public Records Training for each term of office. 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 and news media of when and where meetings during the engagement period are to be held. We found no exceptions.
12. We inspected the minutes of public meetings during the engagement period 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 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 Section 121.22(G).
  - c. Formal governing board actions were adopted in open meetings.We found no exceptions.

#### **Other Compliance**

1. 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. The 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 the 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.

2. We inspected the Fiscal Integrity Act to determine whether the fiscal officer obtained the training required by Ohio Rev. Code Section 507.12 and 733.81. The Fiscal Officer obtained the required training.
3. For all credit card accounts we obtained:
  - copies of existing internal control policies,
  - a list of authorized users, and
  - a list of all credit card account transactions.
- a. We inspected the established policy obtained above and determined it is:
  - i. in compliance with the HB 312 statutory requirements, and
  - ii. implemented by the entity.We noted the following exceptions:
  - the Fiscal Officer is the Compliance Officer
  - a quarterly review process of the number of cards the Township has, the number of active cards the Township has, and the credit limit of each card does not take place
  - the chairperson of the Board does not sign an attestation stating that the Board reviewed the credit card transaction detail.
- b. We selected 1 credit card transaction from each credit card account 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.
- c. We selected 3 credit card statements from each credit card account for testing. For selected statements we inspected documentation to determine that:
  - i. No unpaid beginning balance was carried forward to the current billing cycle,
  - ii. Ending statement balance was paid in full, and
  - iii. Statement contained no interest or late fees.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 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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**Charles E. Harris & Associates, Inc.**  
May 28, 2020

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# OHIO AUDITOR OF STATE KEITH FABER



**RICHLAND TOWNSHIP**

**CLINTON 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  
JUNE 30, 2020**