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**VILLAGE OF ELMWOOD PLACE
HAMILTON COUNTY**

**AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024 - 2023**



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We have reviewed the *Independent Accountants' Report on Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures* of the Village of Elmwood Place, Hamilton County, prepared by Perry & Associates, Certified Public Accountants, A.C., for the period January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2024. 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. The Village of Elmwood Place is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

KEITH FABER
Ohio Auditor of State

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August 06, 2025

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HAMILTON COUNTY

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

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We have performed the procedures enumerated below on the Village of Elmwood Place (the Village) receipts, disbursements and balances recorded in the cash basis accounting records for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023 and certain compliance requirements related to those transactions and balances, included in the information provided to us by the management of the Village. The Village is responsible for the receipts, disbursements and balances recorded in the cash basis accounting records for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023 and certain compliance requirements related to these transactions and balances included in the information provided to us by the Village.

The Village Council, Mayor and the management of the Village have agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate to meet the intended purpose of providing assistance in the evaluation of the Village's receipts, disbursements and balances recorded in their cash-basis accounting records for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, and certain compliance requirements related to these transactions and balances. Additionally, the Auditor of State has agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate to meet their purposes. No other party acknowledged the appropriateness of the procedures. This report may not be suitable for any other purpose. The procedures performed may not address all the items of interest to a user of the report and may not meet the needs of all users of the report and, as such, users are responsible for determining whether the procedures performed are appropriate for their purposes. The sufficiency of the procedures is solely the responsibility of the parties specified in the 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.

For the purposes of performing these procedures, this report only describes exceptions exceeding \$10.

The procedures and the associated findings are as follows:

Cash

1. We recalculated the December 31, 2024 and December 31, 2023 bank reconciliations. We found no exceptions.
2. We agreed the January 1, 2023 beginning fund balances for each fund recorded in the Cash Summary by Fund Report to the December 31, 2022 balances in the prior year audited statements. We noted variances in several funds due to fund balance adjustments for voided checks and misposted receipts. We also agreed the January 1, 2024 beginning fund balances for each fund recorded in the Cash Summary by Fund Report to the December 31, 2023 balances in the Cash Summary by Fund Report. We found no exceptions.
3. We agreed the 2024 and 2023 bank reconciliation adjusted UAN Balances and Adjusted Bank Balances as of December 31, 2024 and 2023 to the total fund cash balances reported in the Fund Status Report and the financial statements filed by the Village in the Hinkle System. The amounts agreed.

Cash (Continued)

4. We confirmed the December 31, 2024 bank account balances with Ohio Pooled Collateral System. We found no exceptions. We also agreed the confirmed balances to the amounts appearing in the December 31, 2024 bank reconciliation without exception.
5. We selected 5 reconciling debits (such as outstanding checks) from the December 31, 2024 bank reconciliation:
 - a. We traced each debit to the subsequent January and February bank statements. We found three of the five transactions tested had not cleared as of the date of this report.
 - b. We traced the amounts and dates to the check register and determined the debits were dated prior to December 31. We found no exceptions.

Property Taxes, Intergovernmental and Other Confirmable Cash Receipts

1. We selected a total of 5 receipts from the *Statement of Semiannual Apportionment of Taxes*, State Distribution Transaction Listing (DTL), and the Detail Transaction of the Subsidiary Accounts for 2024 and a total of 5 from 2023:
 - 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 §§ 5705.05 and 5705.10. We found no exceptions.
 - 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 2 real estate tax receipts plus one advance for 2024 and 2 real estate tax receipts for 2023. The Revenue Ledger included the proper number of tax receipts for each year. We found no exceptions.
3. We confirmed the individual amounts paid from the Hamilton County Auditor, Ohio Public Works Commission, and Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Authority to the Village during 2024 and 2023 with the Organizations. We found no exceptions.
 - a. We inspected the Revenue Ledger to determine whether these receipts were allocated to the proper funds. We found no exceptions.
 - b. We inspected the Revenue Ledger to determine whether the receipts were recorded in the proper year. We noted that a \$249,000 grant from Ohio Public Works Commission was not recorded in 2024. This was a pass through grant and no adjustment will be proposed to the Village's accounting system.

Income Tax Receipts

1. We obtained the December 31, 2024 and 2023 Monthly Distribution reports submitted by the Regional Income Tax Agency (RITA), 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 Revenue Ledger. The amounts agreed.
2. We obtained the original income tax ordinance which set the rate and effective period. The original ordinance was dated 4/10/2007. The latest (council or voter) approved amendment for the engagement period was dated 3/5/2024. We agreed the most recent approved rate to the rate on RITA's supporting documentation. We found no exceptions.

Other Receipts

We selected 10 other receipts from the year ended December 31, 2024 and 10 other receipts from the year ended 2023 and:

- Agreed the receipt amount recorded in the Revenue Ledger Report to supporting documentation. The amounts agreed.
- Confirmed the amounts charged complied with rates in force during the period. We found no exceptions.
- Inspected the Revenue Ledger to determine the receipt was posted to the proper funds, and was recorded in the proper year. We found no exceptions.

Debt

- From the prior audit report, we observed loans and finance purchases were outstanding as of December 31, 2022. These outstanding balances are included in the "Summary Debt Table - Carry Forward Balance" column in the summary chart in procedure 3.
- We inquired of management and inspected the Revenue Ledger and Appropriation Ledger for evidence of debt issued during 2024 or 2023 or debt payment activity during 2024 or 2023. There were no new debt issuances in 2024 or 2023. We included all debt payments in the summary below.
- From the summary of outstanding debt for 2024 and 2023 below:
 - We agreed the principal and interest payments from the related debt amortization schedules to general fund payments reported in the Appropriation Ledger and included the total principal payments for both years in the table below. We found no exceptions.
 - We compared the date the debt service payments were due to the date the Village made the payments. We found no exceptions.
 - Based on the principal payments made, we agreed the outstanding balances to debt amortization schedule and included the outstanding balances in the summary table below. We found no exceptions.
 - For any outstanding debt listed in the table below, we obtained the debt agreements and confirmed the Village was in compliance with its debt covenants. The Village did not have any debt covenants that would result in modification of terms or cancellation of the debt.

Summary Debt Table					
Debt Issued	Carry Forward Balance 1/1/2023	New Issue 2023	New Issue 2024	Total Principal Payments 2023/2024	Outstanding Balance 12/31/2024
OPWC Oak Street	\$6,492	\$0	\$0	\$1,527	\$4,965
Security System	\$8,000	\$0	\$0	\$5,300	\$2,700
OPWV Vine Street	\$0	\$0	\$126,487	\$0	\$126,487
Police Vehicles	\$43,554	\$0	\$0	\$43,554	\$0

- For any new debt identified in procedure 2 and added to the table in procedures 3, we agreed the amount of debt proceeds received for 2024 from the debt documents to amounts recorded in the Revenue Ledger. We noted that the Village did not record the debt proceeds or corresponding capital outlay in regards to the new OPWC loan. As this entry would offset, an adjustment was not posted to the Village's accounting system.

Debt (Continued)

5. For new debt issued during 2024 and 2023, we inspected the debt legislation and resolution / ordinance, which stated the Village must use the proceeds to perform maintenance and repairs of Village roads. We inspected the Appropriation Ledger and observed the Village started this road work in July of 2024. We found no exceptions.

Payroll Cash Disbursements

1. We selected 1 payroll check for 5 employees from 2024 and 1 payroll check for 5 employees from 2023 from the Payroll Journal and:
 - a. We compared the hours and pay rate, or salary recorded in the Payroll Journal 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 allowable based on the employees' duties as documented in the minute record. We found no exceptions.
 - c. We confirmed the payment was posted to the proper year. We found no exceptions.
2. We selected 3 new employees and Council Members from 2024 and 3 new employees and Council Members from 2023 and:
 - a. We inspected the employees'/Council Members' personnel files for the Retirement system, Federal, State & Local income tax withholding authorization.
 - b. We agreed the items in a above to the Payroll Journal.
 We found no exceptions.
3. We inspected the last remittance of tax and retirement withholdings for the year ended December 31, 2024 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 during 2024. We observed the following:

Withholding (plus employer share, where applicable)	Date Due	Date Paid	Amount Due	Amount Paid
Federal income taxes & Medicare (and social security, for employees not enrolled in pension system)	January 31, 2025	January 2, 2025	\$2,852.46	\$2,852.46
Ohio State income taxes	January 15, 2025	January 2, 2025	\$442.14	\$442.14
Kentucky State income taxes	January 15, 2025	January 2, 2025	\$241.27	\$241.27
RITA income tax	January 31, 2025	January 2, 2025	\$639.28	\$639.28
OPERS retirement	January 30, 2025	January 29, 2025	\$4,250.24	\$4,250.24
OP&F retirement	January 31, 2025	January 30, 2025	\$7,685.58	\$7,685.58

We found no exceptions.

Non-Payroll Cash Disbursements

1. We selected 10 disbursements from the Appropriation Ledger for the year ended December 31, 2024 and 10 from the year ended 2023 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 Appropriation Ledger 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 clerk treasurer certified disbursements requiring certification or issued a *Then and Now Certificate*, as required by Ohio Rev. Code § 5705.41(D). We found no exceptions.

Mayor's Court Transactions and Cash Balances

1. We recalculated the December 31, 2024 and December 31, 2023 bank reconciliations. We found no exceptions.
2. We compared the reconciled cash totals as of December 31, 2024 and December 31, 2023 to the Mayor's Court Fund balance reported on the Hinkle Filing. The balances agreed.
3. We agreed the totals per the bank reconciliations to the total of December 31, 2024 and 2023 listing of unpaid distributions plus bonds held as of each December 31. The amounts agreed.
4. We confirmed the December 31, 2024 bank account balances with Ohio Pooled Collateral System. We found no exceptions. We also agreed the confirmed balances to the amounts appearing in the December 31, 2024 bank reconciliation without exception.
5. We selected 5 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 selected 1 month from the year ended December 31, 2024 and 1 month from the year ended 2023 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 2 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. Ohio Rev. Code § 5705.41(B) prohibits expenditures (disbursements plus contract commitments including outstanding encumbrances) from exceeding appropriations. We compared total expenditures to total approved appropriations (Ohio Rev. Code §§ 5705.38 and 5705.40) plus any carryover appropriations for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023 for the General, Indigent Driver, and Fire Levy funds as recorded in the Appropriation Status Report. Expenditures did not exceed appropriations.
2. We inspected all interfund transfers from 2024 and all from 2023 Cash Summary by Fund Report for compliance with Ohio Rev. Code §§ 5705.14 - .16. 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, 2024 and 2023 for negative cash fund balance. Ohio Rev. Code § 5705.10(l) 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. There were no funds having negative cash fund balances.

Sunshine Law Compliance

1. We obtained and inspected the Village's Public Records Policy to determine the policy was in accordance with Ohio Rev. Code §§ 149.43(E)(2) and 149.43(B)(7)(c) and did not limit the number of responses that may be made to a particular person, limit the number of responses during a specified period of time, or establish a fixed period of time before it will respond unless that period is less than eight hours. We found no exceptions.
2. We selected 5 public records requests from the engagement period and inspected each request to determine the following:
 - a. The Village was compliant and responded to the request in accordance with their adopted policy as required by Ohio Rev. Code § 149.43(B)(1). We found no exceptions
 - b. The Village provided an explanation for the denied request which included the legal authority to the requester as required by Ohio Rev. Code § 149.43(B)(3). We found no exceptions.
 - a. The Village was redacting records and making the redactions visible and provided an explanation which included the legal authority to the requester as required by Ohio Rev. Code § 149.43(B)(1). We found no exceptions.
3. We inquired with Village management and determined that the Village 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).
4. We inspected written evidence that the Public Records Policy was provided to the records custodian/manager as required by Ohio Rev. Code § 149.43(E)(2). We found no exceptions.
5. We inspected the Village's policy manual and determined the public records policy was included as required by Ohio Rev. Code § 149.43(E)(2). We found no exceptions.
6. We observed that the Village's poster describing their Public Records Policy was displayed conspicuously in all branches of the Village as required by Ohio Rev. Code § 149.43(E)(2). We found no exceptions.

Sunshine Law Compliance (Continued)

7. We inquired with Village management and determined that the Village did not have any applications for record disposal submitted to the Records Commission during the engagement period.
8. We inspected individual proof of attendance 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.
9. We inspected the public notices for the public meetings held during the engagement period and determined the Village notified the general public and 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 found no exceptions.
10. 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.
11. We inspected the minutes from the engagement period in accordance with Ohio Rev. Code § 121.22(G) 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 § 121.22(G).
 - c. Formal governing board actions were adopted in open meetings.We found no exceptions.

Contract Compliance:

1. We inspected the Appropriation Ledger and identified the Village had expenditures subject to competitive bidding. We found no exceptions.
2. We selected 1 contract subject to competitive bidding requirements for 2024 and 1 for 2023 and
 - a. We inspected the contract and other bids for the contracted expenditure and determined:
 - i. The Village accepted the lowest bid and met the requirements of Ohio Rev. Code § 731.141
 - ii. No bid splitting occurred.
 - iii. No deliberate attempts to evade bid limitations occurred, such as successive contracts just under the bid amount, occurred.
 - iv. No apparent interest in the contract by a public official occurred.We found no exceptions.
 - b. We inspected the advertisements of the proposals for bids in the newspaper and determined they were made as required by Ohio Rev. Code § 731.141. We found no exceptions.

Other Compliance

1. Ohio Rev. Code § 117.38 requires villages 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 Village 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, 2024 and 2023 in the Hinkle system. We found no exceptions.
2. We inspected the Fiscal Integrity Act Portal (<http://www.ohioauditor.gov/fiscalintegrity/default.html>) to determine whether the clerk treasurer obtained the training required by Ohio Rev. Code §§ 507.12 and 733.81. The required training was not obtained.

We were engaged by the Village to perform this agreed-upon procedures engagement and conducted our engagement in accordance with the attestation standards established by the AICPA and the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*. We were not engaged to, and did not conduct an examination or review engagement, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion or conclusion, respectively, on the Village'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.

We are required to be independent of the Village and to meet our ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the ethical requirements established by the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards* related to our agreed upon procedures engagement.



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June 11, 2025

OHIO AUDITOR OF STATE KEITH FABER



VILLAGE OF ELMWOOD PLACE

HAMILTON 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.



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