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MIFFLIN TOWNSHIP

ASHLAND COUNTY

**AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES**

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FOR THE YEARS ENDED

DECEMBER 31, 2010 & 2009





# Dave Yost • Auditor of State

Board of Trustees  
Mifflin Township  
1175 TR 1875  
Ashland, Ohio 44805

We have reviewed the *Independent Accountants' Report on Applying Agreed Upon Procedures* of Mifflin Township, Ashland County, prepared by Alger & Associates, LLC, for the period January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2010. Based upon this review, we have accepted these reports 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. Mifflin Township is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dave Yost".

Dave Yost  
Auditor of State

May 26, 2011



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# ALGER & ASSOCIATES, LLC

Certified Public Accountants

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

Mifflin Township  
1175 Township Rd. 1875  
Ashland, Ohio 44805

We have performed the procedures enumerated below, with which the Board of Trustees and the management of Mifflin Township (the Township) and the Auditor of State 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, 2010 and 2009, 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

1. We tested the mathematical accuracy of the December 31, 2010 and December 31, 2009 bank reconciliations. We found no exceptions.
2. We agreed the January 1, 2009 beginning fund balances recorded in the Fund Status Report to the December 31, 2008 balances in the prior year audited statements. We found no exceptions.
3. We agreed the totals per the bank reconciliations to the total of the December 31, 2010 and 2009 fund cash balances reported in the Fund Status Reports. The amounts agreed.
4. We confirmed the December 31, 2010 and 2009 bank account balances with the Township's financial institution. We found no exceptions. We also agreed the confirmed balances to the amounts appearing in the December 31, 2010 and 2009 bank reconciliation without exception.
5. We selected all the outstanding checks from the December 31, 2010 and 2009 bank reconciliation:
  - a. We traced each check to the debit appearing in the subsequent January bank statement. We found no exceptions.
  - b. We traced the amounts and date written to the check register, to determine the checks were dated prior to December 31. We noted no exceptions.

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### Property Taxes and Intergovernmental Receipts

1. We selected all property tax receipts from the *Statement of Semiannual Apportionment of Taxes* (the Statement) for 2010 and all from 2009:
  - a. We traced the gross receipts from the *Statement* to the amount recorded in the Receipt Register Report. The amounts agreed.
  - b. We determined whether the receipt was allocated to the proper funds as required by Ohio Rev. Code Sections 5705.05-.06 and 5705.10. We found no exceptions.
  - c. We determined whether the receipt was recorded in the proper year. The receipt was recorded in the proper year.
  
2. We scanned the Receipt Register Report to determine whether it included the proper number of tax receipts for 2010 and 2009:
  - a. Two personal property tax receipts
  - b. Two real estate tax receiptsWe noted the Receipts Register Report included the proper number of tax settlement receipts for each year.
  
3. We tested all the receipts from the State Distribution Transaction Lists (DTL) from 2010 and all from 2009.
  - a. We compared the amount from the DTL to the amount recorded in the Receipt Register Report. The amounts agreed.
  - b. We determined whether these receipts were allocated to the proper funds. We found no exceptions.
  - c. We determined whether the receipts were recorded in the proper year. We found no exceptions.

### Debt

1. We inquired of management, and scanned the Receipt Register Report and Payment Register Detail Report for evidence of bonded or note debt issued during 2009 or 2010 or outstanding as of December 31, 2009 or 2010. We noted no new debt issuances, nor any debt payment activity during 2010 or 2009.

### Payroll Cash Disbursements

1. We haphazardly selected the total payroll for five employees from 2010 and the total payroll for five employees from 2009 from the Payroll Register Report and determined whether the following information in the employees' personnel files and minute records 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. Any other deduction authorizations (deferred compensation, etc.)



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

2. We tested the checks we selected in step 1, as follows:

- a. We compared the hours and pay rate, or salary amount used in computing gross pay to supporting documentation (timecard, legislatively or statutorily-approved rate or salary). We noted the following:

Township Trustees and the Fiscal Officer's salaries are based on the annual budget of the Township. According to the annual budget for 2009 the compensation for the Fiscal Officer should have been \$14,147. The Fiscal Officer was paid \$12,733 for a total underpayment of \$1,414. Each of the Trustees were under paid by \$514.

We recommend the Fiscal Officer and the Trustees be compensated in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code.

- b. We determined whether the fund and account codes to which the check was posted was reasonable based on the employees' duties as documented in the employees' personnel files and minute record or as required by statute. We also determined whether the payment was posted to the proper year. We found no exceptions.

3. We scanned the last remittance of tax and retirement withholdings for the year ended December 31, 2010 to determine whether remittances were timely paid, and that the amounts paid agreed to the amounts withheld during the final withholding period during 2010. We noted the following:

<b>Withholding</b>	<b>Date Due</b>	<b>Date Paid</b>	<b>Amount Withheld</b>	<b>Amount Paid</b>
Federal income taxes	January 31, 2011	January 22, 2011	\$1,190.18	\$1,190.18
State income taxes	January 31, 2011	January 18, 2011	\$171.17	\$171.17
OPERS retirement (withholding plus employee share)	January 30, 2011	December 31, 2010	\$1,498.81	\$1,498.81

For calendar years 2010 and 2009, we compared documentation and the recomputation supporting the allocation of Board salaries to the General Fund. We found no exceptions.

**Non-Payroll Cash Disbursements**

1. We haphazardly selected ten disbursements from the Payment Register Detail Report for the year ended December 31, 2010 and ten from the year ended 2009 and determined whether:
- The disbursements were for a proper public purpose. We found no exceptions.
  - 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. We found 13 instances where the certification date was after the vendor invoice date. Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.41(D) requires certifying at the time of a commitment, which should precede the invoice date.

**Compliance – Budgetary**

1. We compared the total from the Amended Official Certificate of Estimated Resources, required by Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.36(A)(1), to the amounts recorded in the Revenue Status Report for the General, Motor Vehicle License Tax and Fire District funds for the years ended December 31, 2010 and 2009. The amounts on the Certification agreed to the amount recorded in the accounting system, except for the following instances.

		<b>Certificate of</b>		
<b>2009</b>	<b>Revenue</b>	<b>Estimated</b>		
<b>Fund</b>	<b>Status Report</b>	<b>Resources</b>		<b>Variance</b>
General	\$ 127,395.50	\$ 136,093.04	\$	8,697.54
Motor Vehicle License Tax	\$ 22,853.93	\$ 26,250.93	\$	3,397.00
Fire District	\$ 72,701.57	\$ 76,468.57	\$	3,767.00
<b>2010</b>				
<b>Fund</b>				
General	\$ 128,860.92	\$ 129,361.59	\$	500.67

The fiscal officer should periodically compare amounts recorded in the Revenue Status Report to amounts recorded on the Amended Official Certificate of Estimated Resources to assure they agree. If the amounts do not agree, the Trustees may be using inaccurate information for budgeting and monitoring purposes.

2. We scanned the appropriation measures adopted for 2010 and 2009 to determine whether, for the General, Motor Vehicle License Tax and Fire District funds, the Trustees appropriated separately for "each office, department, and division, and within each, the amount appropriated for personal services," as is required by Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.38(C). We found no exceptions.
3. We compared total appropriations required by Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.38 and 5705.40, to the amounts recorded in the Appropriation Status Report for 2010 and 2009 for the following funds: General, Motor Vehicle License Tax and Fire District. The amounts on the appropriation resolutions agreed to the amounts recorded in the Appropriation Status report.

4. Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.39 prohibits appropriations from exceeding the certified resources. We compared total appropriations to total certified resources for the General, Motor Vehicle License Tax and Fire District funds for the years ended December 31, 2010 and 2009. We noted no funds for which appropriations exceeded certified resources.
5. Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.41(B) prohibits expenditures (disbursements plus certified commitments) from exceeding appropriations. We compared total expenditures to total appropriations for the years ended December 31, 2010 and 2009 for the General, Motor Vehicle License Tax and Fire District funds, as recorded in the Appropriation Status Report. We noted no funds for which expenditures exceeded appropriations.
6. Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.09 requires establishing separate funds to segregate externally-restricted resources. We scanned the Receipt Register Report for evidence of new restricted receipts requiring a new fund during December 31, 2010 and 2009. We also inquired of management regarding whether the Township received new restricted receipts. We noted no evidence of new restricted receipts for which Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.09 would require the Township to establish a new fund.
7. We scanned the 2010 and 2009 Revenue Status Reports and Appropriation Status Reports for evidence of interfund transfers exceeding \$0 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 and Court of Common Pleas.
8. We inquired of management and scanned the Appropriation Status Reports to determine whether the Township elected to establish reserve accounts permitted by Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.13. We noted the Township did not establish these reserves.

#### **Compliance – Contracts & Expenditures**

1. We inquired of management and scanned the Payment Register Detail report for the years ended December 31, 2010 and 2009 for procurements requiring competitive bidding under the following statutes:
  - a. Materials, machinery and tools used in constructing, maintaining and repairing roads and culverts, where costs exceeded \$25,000. (Ohio Rev. Code Section 5549.21)
  - b. Construction and erection of a memorial building or monument costs exceeding \$25,000 (Ohio Rev. Code Section 511.12)
  - c. Equipment for fire protection and communication costs exceeding \$50,000 (Ohio Rev. Code Sections 505.37 to 505.42)
  - d. Street lighting systems or improvement costs exceeding \$25,000 (Ohio Rev. Code Section 515.07)
  - e. Building modification costs exceeding \$25,000 to achieve energy savings (Ohio Rev. Code Section 505.264)
  - f. Private sewage collection tile costs exceeding \$25,000 (Ohio Rev. Code Sections 521.02 to 521.05)

- g. Fire apparatus, mechanical resuscitators, other fire equipment, appliances, materials, fire hydrants, buildings, or fire-alarm communications equipment or service costs exceeding \$50,000 (Ohio Rev. Code Section 505.37(A))

For 2010 and 2009, we identified road maintenance projects exceeding \$25,000, subject to Ohio Rev. Code Section 515.07. For this project, we noted that the Board advertised the project in a local newspaper, and selected the lowest responsible bidder.

2. We inquired of management and scanned the Payment Register Detail Report for the years ended December 31, 2010 and 2009 to determine if the township had road construction projects exceeding \$45,000 for which Ohio Rev. Code Section 5575.01 requires the county engineer to complete a force account project assessment form (i.e., cost estimate). We identified no projects requiring the county engineer to complete a force account cost estimate.

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

**Alger & Associates, LLC**

March 26, 2011



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**MIFFLIN TOWNSHIP**

**ASHLAND 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 9, 2011**