

**TATE TOWNSHIP  
CLERMONT COUNTY  
Agreed-Upon Procedures  
For the Years Ended December 31, 2013 and 2012**

***Perry & Associates***  
Certified Public Accountants, A.C.





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Board of Trustees  
Tate Township  
2821 Dean Road  
Bethel, Ohio 45106

We have reviewed the *Independent Accountants' Report on Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures* of Tate Township, Clermont County, prepared by Perry & Associates, Certified Public Accountants, A.C., for the period January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2013. 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. Tate 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

December 3, 2014

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CLERMONT COUNTY**

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

November 11, 2014

Tate Township  
Clermont County  
2821 Dean Road  
Bethel, Ohio 45106

To the Board of Trustees:

We have performed the procedures enumerated below, with which the Board of Trustees and the management of **Tate Township**, Clermont County, Ohio (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, 2013 and 2012, 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 and Investments**

1. We tested the mathematical accuracy of the December 31, 2013 and December 31, 2012 bank reconciliations. We found no exceptions.
2. We agreed the January 1, 2012 beginning fund balances recorded in the Combined Statement of Cash Receipts, Cash Disbursements, and Changes in Fund Cash Balances to the December 31, 2011 balances in the prior year audited statements. We found no exceptions. We also agreed the January 1, 2013 beginning fund balances recorded in the Combined Statement of Cash Receipts, Cash Disbursements, and Changes in Fund Cash Balances to the December 31, 2012 balances in the Combined Statement of Cash Receipts, Cash Disbursements, and Changes in Fund Cash Balances. We noted the fund balance for the Special Revenue Funds did not agree due to a fund balance adjustment for a voided check during 2013. We found no other exceptions.
3. We agreed the totals per the bank reconciliations to the total of the December 31, 2013 and 2012 fund cash balances reported in the Combined Statement of Cash Receipts, Cash Disbursements, and Changes in Fund Cash Balances. The amounts agreed.

**Cash and Investments (Continued)**

4. We confirmed the December 31, 2013 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, 2013 bank reconciliation without exception.
5. We selected five reconciling debits (such as outstanding checks) haphazardly from the December 31, 2013 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. We noted no exceptions.
6. We tested investments held at December 31, 2012 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 property tax receipt from one *Statement of Semiannual Apportionment of Taxes* (the Statement) for 2013 and one from 2012:
  - a. We traced the gross receipts from the Statement to the amount recorded in the Revenue Ledger. We also traced the advances noted on the Statement to the Revenue Ledger. We noted in 2013 the Township posted the tax receipts at net instead of gross. In 2012 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 noted in 2013 the Township posted tax receipts entirely to the General Fund when they should have been posted to the General, Road and Bridge and Fire Funds. We recommend all tax receipts be posted to the appropriate funds as stated on the *Statement of Semiannual Apportionment of Taxes*. The Township posted an adjustment to their accounting system decreasing the General Fund by \$82,599 and increasing the Road and Bridge and Fire Funds by \$14,766 and \$67,833, respectively. We found no exceptions in 2012.
  - c. We determined whether the receipt was recorded in the proper year. The receipt was recorded in the proper year.
2. We scanned the Revenue Ledger to determine whether it included two real estate tax receipts. We noted the Revenue Ledger included the proper number of tax receipts for each year.
3. We selected five receipts from the State Distribution Transaction Lists (DTL) from 2013 and all from 2012. We also selected five receipts from the County Auditor's Vendor Detail Report from 2013 and five from 2012.
  - a. We compared the amount from the above reports to the amount recorded in the Revenue Ledger 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.

### **Over-The-Counter Cash Receipts**

We haphazardly selected 10 over-the-counter cash receipts from the year ended December 31, 2013 and 10 over-the-counter cash receipts from the year ended 2012 recorded in the duplicate cash receipts book and determined whether the:

- a. Receipt amount agreed to the amount recorded in the Receipt Register Report. The amounts agreed.
- b. Amount charged complied with the rates in force during the period. We found no exceptions.
- c. Receipt was posted to the proper funds, and was recorded in the proper year. We found no exceptions.

### **Debt**

1. The prior audit documentation disclosed no debt outstanding as of December 31, 2011.
2. We inquired of management, and scanned the Revenue Ledger and Appropriation Ledger for evidence of debt issued during 2013 or 2012 or debt payment activity during 2013 or 2012. All new debt noted agreed to the summary we used in step 3.
3. We obtained a summary of bonded debt activity for 2013 and 2012 and agreed principal and interest payments from the related debt amortization schedule to Fire & Rescue, Ambulance and EMS Services Fund payments reported in the Appropriation Ledger. We also compared the date and debt service payments were due to the date the Township made the payments. We found no exceptions.
4. We agreed the amount of debt proceeds from the debt documents to amounts recorded in the Fire & Rescue, Ambulance and EMS Services Fund and Fire District Fund per the Revenue Ledger. The amounts agreed. The Township did not properly record the proceeds in a bond fund as required by Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.09(E).
5. For new debt issued during 2013 and 2012, we inspected the debt legislation, noting the Township must use the proceeds to purchase an ambulance. We scanned the Appropriation Ledger and noted the Township purchased an ambulance in August 2013.

### **Payroll Cash Disbursements**

1. We haphazardly selected one payroll check five employees from 2013 and one payroll check for five employees from 2012 from the Employee Payroll Reports and:
  - a. We compared the hours and pay rate, or salary recorded in the Employee Payroll Reports to supporting documentation (timecard, legislatively or statutorily-approved rate or salary). We found no exceptions.
  - b. We determined whether the fund and account codes to which the check was posted were reasonable based on the employees' duties as documented in the minute record or as required by statute. We also determined whether the payment was posted to the proper year. We found no exceptions.
2. We scanned the last remittance of tax and retirement withholdings for the year ended December 31, 2013 to determine whether the remittances were timely paid, and if the amounts paid agreed to the amounts withheld, plus the employers share, where applicable, during the final withholding period of 2013. We noted the following:



**Payroll Cash Disbursements (Continued)**

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, 2014	December 31, 2013	\$ 8,352.19	\$ 8,352.19
State income taxes	January 15, 2014	December 31, 2013	\$ 2,890.15	\$ 2,890.15
OPERS retirement	January 30, 2014	December 31, 2013	\$ 5,484.19	\$ 5,484.19
OP&F retirement	January 31, 2014	December 31, 2013	\$ 16,619.04	\$ 16,619.04
School district income taxes	January 31, 2014	December 27, 2013	\$ 32.25	\$ 32.25

We inquired of management and scanned the Appropriation Ledger for the years ended December 31, 2013 and 2012 to determine if Township employees and/or trustees were reimbursed for out-of-pocket insurance premiums. We noted no such reimbursements.

**Non-Payroll Cash Disbursements**

1. We haphazardly selected ten disbursements from the Appropriation Ledger for the year ended December 31, 2013 and ten from the year ended 2012 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 no exceptions.

**Compliance – Budgetary**

1. We compared the total estimated receipts 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 in 2013 and the Comparison of Budgeted and Actual Receipts in 2012 for the General, Motor Vehicle License Tax, and Gasoline Tax Funds for the years ended December 31, 2013 and 2012. The amounts on the *Certificate* did not agree to the amounts recorded in the accounting system for all funds in 2013 and 2012. The Revenue Status Report recorded budgeted (i.e. certified) resources for the General, Motor Vehicle License Tax and Gasoline Tax Funds of \$270,036, \$13,706 and \$92,107, respectively for 2013. However, the final *Amended Official Certificate of Estimated Resources* reflected \$456,244, \$13,561 and \$92,521 for the General, Motor Vehicle License Tax and Gasoline Tax Funds, respectively. The Comparison of Budgeted and Actual Receipts Report recorded budgeted (i.e. certified) resources for the General, Motor Vehicle License Tax and Gasoline Tax Funds of \$266,125, \$13,453 and \$93,727, respectively for 2012. However, the final *Amended Official Certificate of Estimated Resources* reflected \$270,036, \$13,706 and \$92,107 for the General, Motor Vehicle License Tax and Gasoline Tax Funds, respectively. 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.

### **Compliance – Budgetary**

2. We scanned the appropriation measures adopted for 2013 and 2012 to determine whether, for the General, Motor Vehicle License Tax, and Gasoline Tax 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 Appropriation Status Report for 2013 and 2012 for the following funds: General, Motor Vehicle License Tax, and Gasoline Tax Funds. The amounts on the appropriation resolution agreed to the amounts recorded in the Appropriation Status Report.
4. Ohio Rev. Code Sections 5705.36(A) (5) and 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 Gasoline Tax Funds for the years ended December 31, 2013 and 2012. We noted that Motor Vehicle License Tax Fund appropriations for 2013 exceeded certified resources by \$144 and Gasoline Tax Fund appropriations for 2012 exceeded certified resources by \$1,620, contrary to Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.39. The Trustees should not pass appropriations exceeding certified resources. Allowing this to occur could cause the Township to incur fund balance deficits.
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, 2013 and 2012 for the General, Motor Vehicle License Tax, and Gasoline Tax 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 Revenue Ledger for evidence of new restricted receipts requiring a new fund during December 31, 2013 and 2012. We also inquired of management regarding whether the Township received new restricted receipts. We noted in 2013 the Township received proceeds from the sale of bonds and did not properly establish a bond fund to record the proceeds. We noted no other exceptions.
7. We scanned the 2013 and 2012 Revenue Status Report and Appropriation Status Reports for evidence of interfund transfers 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.
9. We scanned the Cash Summary by Fund Report for the years ended December 31, 2013 and 2012 for negative cash fund balance. Ohio Rev. Code Section 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. We noted no funds having a negative cash fund balance.

**Compliance – Contracts & Expenditures**

We inquired of management and scanned the Appropriation Ledger for the years ended December 31, 2013 and 2012 to determine if the Township proceeded by force account (i.e. used its own employees) to maintain or repair roads (cost of project \$15,000-\$45,000) or to construct or reconstruct township roads (cost of project \$5,000-\$15,000/per mile) 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, the Auditor of State and others within the Township and is not intended to be, and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.



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**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  
DECEMBER 16, 2014**