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

Valley Fire District  
Summit County  
5287 Dogwood Drive  
Peninsula, Ohio 44262

We have performed the procedures enumerated below, with which the Board of Trustees and the management of Valley Fire District (the District) 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 Cash Summary by Fund Report 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 Cash Summary by Fund Report to the December 31, 2012 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, 2013 and 2012 fund cash balances reported in the Cash Summary by Fund Reports. The amounts agreed.
4. We observed the year-end bank balances on the financial institution's website. The balances agreed. We also agreed the confirmed balances to the amounts appearing in the December 31, 2013 bank reconciliation without exception.
5. We selected five outstanding checks haphazardly from the December 31, 2013 bank reconciliation:
  - a. We traced each debit to the subsequent January and February bank statements on the financial institution's website. 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.

### **Cash and Investments (Continued)**

6. We tested interbank account transfers occurring in December of 2013 and 2012 to determine if they were properly recorded in the accounting records and on each bank statement. We found no exceptions.
7. We tested investments held at December 31, 2013 and 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 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 two real estate tax receipts for 2013 and 2012 plus one advance for 2012. We noted the Receipts Register Report included the proper number of tax receipts for each year.
3. We selected three receipts from the State Distribution Transaction Lists (DTL) from 2013 and three from 2012.
  - a. We compared the amount from the above reports 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.
4. We confirmed the amount paid from the Assistance to the Firefighters Grant Program to the District during 2012 to the Grant Award Letter. We found no exceptions.
  - a. We determined whether this receipt was allocated to the proper fund. We found no exceptions.
  - b. We determined whether the receipt was recorded in the proper year. We found no exceptions.
5. We confirmed the amount paid from the Village of Boston Heights to the District during 2013 to the Shared Service Agreement between Valley Fire District and the Village of Boston Heights. We noted the receipt was posted net instead of gross.
  - a. We determined whether this receipt was allocated to the proper fund. We found no exceptions.
  - b. We determined whether the receipt was recorded in the proper year. We found no exceptions.

**Charges for Services**

1. We confirmed the amounts paid from the Life Force Management Company, the service organization that performs the emergency medical billings, to the District during 2013 and 2012 to the year-to-date amount received on the December Monthly Activity Report for the respective year. For 2013, we noted the District reported Charges for Services receipts of \$94,264, however, Life Force Management Company reported total receipts of \$94,880.
  - a. We determined whether these receipts were allocated to the proper fund. We found no exceptions.
  - b. We determined whether the receipts were 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 Receipt Register Report and Payment Register Detail Report for evidence of debt issued during 2013 or 2012 or debt payment activity during 2013 or 2012. We noted the District entered into a lease agreement during 2013 for the purchase of an ambulance.

**Payroll Cash Disbursements**

1. We haphazardly selected one payroll check for five employees from 2013 and one payroll check for five employees from 2012 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). We found no exceptions.
  - b. We determined whether the fund and account code to which the check was posted were reasonable based on the employees' duties as documented in the employees' personnel files. 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 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 2013. We noted 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	January 31, 2014	12/31/13	\$5,060.14	\$5,060.14
State income taxes	January 15, 2014	12/13/13	\$338.49	\$338.49
Village of Peninsula	January 20, 2014	12/13/13	\$149.94	\$149.94
Village of Boston Heights	January 31, 2014	12/13/13	\$225.84	\$225.84
OPERS retirement	January 30, 2014	1/22/14	\$1,114.56	\$1,114.56

### Non-Payroll Cash Disbursements

1. We haphazardly selected ten disbursements from the Payment Register Detail Report 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 copy of the 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 seven 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 test all disbursements requiring certification, our report provides no assurance whether or not additional similar errors occurred.

### Compliance – Budgetary

1. We compared the total estimated receipts from the 2013 *Official Certificate of Estimated Resources* and the 2012 *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, FEMA and Capital Projects funds for the years ended December 31, 2013 and 2012. The amounts on the *Certificate* did not agree to the amount recorded in the accounting system, except for the FEMA Fund for 2013. The Revenue Status Report recorded budgeted (i.e. certified) resources for the General and Capital Projects funds of \$345,700 and \$91,000, respectively, for 2013. However, the *Official Certificate of Estimated Resources* reflected \$386,751 and \$87,214, respectively. The Revenue Status Report recorded budgeted (i.e. certified) resources for the General, FEMA, and Capital Projects funds of \$305,200, \$0, and \$78,700, respectively, for 2012. However, the final *Amended Official Certificate of Estimated Resources* reflected \$314,901, \$45,000, and \$191,984, 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.
2. We scanned the appropriation measures adopted for 2013 and 2012 to determine whether, for the General, FEMA and Capital Projects 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 Sections 5705.38 and 5705.40, to the amounts recorded in the Appropriation Status Report for 2013 and 2012 for the following funds: General, FEMA and Capital Projects. The amounts on the appropriation resolutions agreed to the amounts recorded in the Appropriation Status report for the General, FEMA and Capital Projects funds for 2013 and the FEMA fund for 2012. The Appropriation Status Report recorded budgeted expenditures for the General and Capital Projects Funds of \$380,740 and \$137,500 respectively for 2012. However, the Total Appropriations reflected \$383,153 and \$244,417 respectively.

#### **Compliance – Budgetary (Continued)**

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, FEMA, and Capital Projects funds for the years ended December 31, 2013 and 2012. 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, 2013 and 2012 for the General, FEMA and Capital Projects 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, 2013 and 2012. We also inquired of management regarding whether the District received new restricted receipts. We noted no evidence of new restricted receipts for which Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.09 would require the District to establish a new fund.
7. We scanned the 2013 and 2012 Revenue Status Reports 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 District elected to establish reserve accounts permitted by Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.13. We noted the District 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 (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. We noted no funds having a negative cash fund balance.

At the conclusion of our engagement, we requested the trustees and the Fiscal Officer to provide us with written representations regarding their responsibility for:

- Recording transactions and maintaining the accounting records
- For complying with legal requirements we tested as part of our procedures
- Providing us with all reports, records and other documentary evidence supporting the results we described in this report
- Informing us of other matters that may relate to the procedures this report describes.

The Fiscal Officer and a Trustee declined to sign this representation letter. You should consider the effect, if any; this matter has on the results this report describes.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dave Yost". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "D".

**Dave Yost**  
Auditor of State

Columbus, Ohio

June 10, 2014





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**VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT**

**SUMMIT 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  
JULY 01, 2014**