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For the Years Ended December 31, 2015 and 2014

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Board of Trustees Green Township 1508 Anderson Road Washington Court House, Ohio 43160

We have reviewed the *Independent Accountants' Report on Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures* of Green Township, Fayette County, prepared by Perry & Associates, Certified Public Accountants, A.C., for the period January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2015. 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. Green Township is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

Dave Yost Auditor of State

July 13, 2016



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

June 22, 2016

Green Township
Fayette County
1508 Anderson Road
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To the Board of Trustees:

We have performed the procedures enumerated below, with which the Board of Trustees and the management of **Green Township**, Fayette 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, 2015 and 2014, 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, 2015 and December 31, 2014 bank reconciliations. We found no exceptions.
- 2. We agreed the January 1, 2014 beginning fund balances recorded in the Combined Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Fund Balances to the December 31, 2013 balances in the prior year audited statements. The December 31, 2013 ending balance for the General and Fire District Special Revenue Funds did not agree to the January 1, 2014 beginning balance for the General and Fire District Special Revenue Funds. The \$3,703 difference between the two funds was due to an audit adjustment posted in 2014. We also agreed the January 1, 2015 beginning fund balances recorded in the Combined Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Fund Balances to the December 31, 2014 balances in the Combined Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Fund Balances. We found no exceptions.



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#### Cash (Continued)

- We agreed the totals per the bank reconciliations to the total of the December 31, 2015 and 2014 fund cash balances reported in the Combined Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Fund Balances. The amounts agreed.
- 4. We confirmed the December 31, 2015 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, 2015 bank reconciliation without exception.
- 5. We selected five reconciling debits (such as outstanding checks) haphazardly from the December 31, 2015 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.

### 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 2015 and one from 2014:
  - a. We traced the gross receipts from the *Statement* to the amount recorded in the Revenue Ledger. 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.
- We scanned the Revenue Ledger to determine whether it included two real estate tax receipts for 2015 and 2014. We noted the Revenue Ledger included the proper number of tax receipts for each year.
- We selected all receipts from the State Distribution Transaction Lists (DTL) from 2015 and all from 2014. We also selected five receipts from the County Auditor's Appropriation History Report from 2015 and five from 2014.
  - a. We compared the amount from the above reports to the amount recorded in the Revenue Ledger. The amounts agreed.
  - b. We determined whether these receipts were allocated to the proper funds. We determined two receipts in 2014 totaling \$1,863 and two receipts in 2015 totaling \$1,850 were improperly posted. We brought this to management's attention. They corrected General and Fire District Fund balances for these items. The incorrect allocation resulted in fund balances being improperly overstated/ (understated) by the following amounts:

Fund Type / Fund		2014 Amount		2015 Amount	
General	\$	1,863	\$	1,850	
Special Revenue Fund Type:					
Fire District	\$	(1,863)	\$	(1,850)	

#### Property Taxes, Intergovernmental and Other Confirmable Cash Receipts (Continued)

b. (Continued)

Ohio Rev. Code 5705.10(D), requires revenue derived from a source other than the general property tax and which the law prescribes shall be used for a particular purpose should be paid into a special fund for such a purpose. The Fiscal Officer should allocate rollback monies in the same manner as general property tax monies are allocated on the Statement of Semiannual Apportionment of Taxes. Because we did not test fund allocation for all receipts, our report provides no assurance whether or not additional similar errors occurred.

c. 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, 2013.
- 2. We inquired of management, and scanned the Revenue Ledger and Appropriation Ledger for evidence of debt issued during 2015 or 2014 or debt payment activity during 2015 or 2014. We noted the Township received note proceeds from PNC Bank for a new fire truck in May of 2015. The note proceeds were not recorded to the Township's accounting system. There were no payments due in 2015. The Fiscal Officer should record the proceeds of notes along with a corresponding capital outlay disbursement to properly reflect the receipt and subsequent disbursement of note proceeds.
- 3. For new debt issued during 2015 and 2014, we inspected the debt legislation, noting the Township must use the proceeds to purchase a fire truck. We scanned the documentation and noted the Township purchased a fire truck in May of 2015.

#### **Payroll Cash Disbursements**

- 1. We haphazardly selected one payroll check for five employees from 2015 and one payroll check for five employees from 2014 from the Wage Detail Reports and:
  - a. We compared the hours and pay rate, or salary recorded in the Wage Detail 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, 2015 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 2014. 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, 2016	December 22, 2015	\$ 115.28	\$ 115.28
State income taxes	January 31, 2016	January 13, 2016	\$ 100.99	\$ 100.99
OPERS retirement	January 30, 2016	December 23, 2015	\$ 947.95	\$ 947.95

- 3. For the pay periods ended April, 2015 and May, 2014, we recomputed the allocation of the Boards' salaries to the General and Gasoline Tax Fund per the Wage Detail Report. We found no exceptions.
- 4. For the pay periods described in the preceding step, we traced the Boards' salary for time or services performed to supporting certifications the Revised Code requires. We found no exceptions.
- 5. We inquired of management and scanned the Appropriation Ledger for the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014 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 Cash Journal for the year ended December 31, 2015 and ten from the year ended 2014 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 Detailed 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 four instances where the certification date was after the vendor invoice date, and there was evidence that a Then and Now Certificate was issued, but was not properly encumbered. Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.47(D) requires certifying at the time of a commitment, which should be on or before the invoice date, unless a Then and Now certification 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 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 Gasoline Tax Funds for the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014. The amounts on the Certificate did not agree to the amount recorded in the accounting system in the General, Motor Vehicle License Tax and Gasoline Tax Funds in 2014 and 2015. The Revenue Status Report recorded budgeted (i.e. certified) resources for the General Fund of \$39,167, for the Motor Vehicle License Tax Fund of \$5,522 and for the Gasoline Tax Fund of \$80,554 for 2014 and for the General Fund of \$42,546. for the Motor Vehicle License Tax Fund of \$5,544 and for the Gasoline Tax Fund of \$81,765 for 2015. However, the final Amended Official Certificate of Estimated Resources reflected \$48,059 for the General Fund, \$5,629 for the Motor Vehicle License Tax Fund, and \$82,279 for the Gasoline Tax Fund in 2014, \$66,234 for the General Fund, \$5,711 for the Motor Vehicle License Tax Fund, and \$92,894 for the Gasoline Tax Fund in 2015. 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 2015 and 2014 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 the Appropriation Status Report for 2015 and 2014 for the following funds: General, Motor Vehicle License Tax, and Gasoline Tax. The amounts on the appropriation resolutions 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, 2015 and 2014. 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, 2015 and 2014 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, 2015 and 2014. 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 2015 and 2014 Revenue Ledgers and Appropriation Status Reports for evidence of interfund transfers exceeding \$1,000 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 and Court of Common Pleas.

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

- 8. We inquired of management and scanned the Appropriation Status Report 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, 2015 and 2014 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.

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

We inquired of management and scanned the Appropriation Ledger for the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014 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.

#### **Other Compliance**

- Ohio Rev. Code Section 117.38 requires townships to file their financial information in the HINKLE system formerly known as the Annual Financial Data Reporting System (AFDRS) within 60 days after the close of the fiscal year. We reviewed AFDRS to verify the Township filed their financial information within the allotted timeframe for the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014. In 2015, the filing did not contain notes to the financial statements and was incomplete. No other exceptions noted.
- We inquired of the fiscal officer and/or scanned the Fiscal Integrity Act Portal (http://www.ohioauditor.gov/fiscalintegrity/default.html) to determine whether the fiscal officer obtained the training required by Ohio Rev. Code Section 507.12 and 733.81. Fiscal Officer obtained 0 of the 12 required hours of training.

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.

**Perry and Associates** 

Certified Public Accountants, A.C.

Kerry Marocutez CATS A. C.

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#### **GREEN TOWNSHIP**

#### **FAYETTE 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.

**CLERK OF THE BUREAU** 

Susan Babbitt

CERTIFIED JULY 26, 2016