

Certified Public Accountants, A.C.

GREEN TOWNSHIP HOCKING COUNTY Agreed-Upon Procedures For the Years Ended December 31, 2017 and 2016



Board of Trustees Green Township PO Box 127 Haydenville, OH 43127

We have reviewed the *Independent Accountants' Report on Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures* of Green Township, Hocking County, prepared by Perry & Associates, Certified Public Accountants, A.C., for the period January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2017. 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

August 23, 2018



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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

June 15, 2018

Green Township Hocking County PO Box 127 Haydenville, OH 43127

We have performed the procedures enumerated below, which were agreed to by the Board of Trustees and the management of **Green Township**, Hocking County (the Township) and the Auditor of State, on the receipts, disbursements and balances recorded in the Township's cash basis accounting records for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016 and certain compliance requirements related to those transactions and balances, included in the information provided to us by the management of the Township. The Township is responsible for the receipts, disbursements and balances recorded in the cash basis accounting records for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016 and certain compliance requirements related to these transactions and balances included in the information provided to us by the Township. 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 recalculated the December 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016 bank reconciliations. We found no exceptions.
- 2. We agreed the January 1, 2016 beginning fund balances recorded in the Combined Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Fund Balances to the December 31, 2015 balances in the prior year audited statements. We found no exceptions. We also agreed the January 1, 2017 beginning fund balances recorded in the Combined Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Fund Balances to the December 31, 2016 balances in the Combined Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Fund Balances. January 1, 2017 beginning Special Revenue fund balance recorded in the Combined Statement of Receipts, Disbursements, and Changes in Fund Balances was \$47,534 and the December 31, 2016 balance the Combined Statement of Receipts, Disbursements, and Changes in Fund Balances was \$45,579. The difference was due to the Township voiding a check from a prior period.
- 3. We agreed the totals per the bank reconciliations to the total of the December 31, 2017 and 2016 fund cash balances reported in the Combined Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Fund Balances. The amounts agreed.

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Cash (Continued)

4. We confirmed the December 31, 2017 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, 2017 bank reconciliation without exception.

Property Taxes and Intergovernmental Receipts

- 1. We haphazardly selected a property tax receipt from one *Statement of Semiannual Apportionment of Taxes* (the Statement) for 2017 and one from 2016:
 - a. We traced the gross receipts from the *Statement* to the amount recorded in the Revenue Ledger. The amounts agreed.
 - b. We inspected the Revenue Ledger to confirm 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 inspected the Revenue Ledger to confirm whether the receipt was recorded in the proper year. The receipt was recorded in the proper year.
- 2. We inspected the Revenue Ledger to determine whether it included two real estate tax receipts for 2017 and 2016. The Revenue Ledger included the proper number of tax receipts for each year.
- 3. We selected all receipts from the State Distribution Transaction Lists (DTL) from 2017 and all from 2016. We also haphazardly selected five receipts from the Hocking County Auditor's Expenditure History by Vendor Report from 2017 and five from 2016.
 - a. We compared the amount from the above reports to the amount recorded in the Revenue Ledger. The amounts agreed.
 - b. We inspected the Revenue Ledger to determine that these receipts were allocated to the proper funds. We found no exceptions.
 - c. We inspected the Revenue Ledger Report to determine 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, 2017 and 10 over-the-counter cash receipts from the year ended 2016 recorded in the duplicate cash receipts book and:

- a. Agreed the receipt amount to the amount recorded in the Revenue Ledger. The amounts agreed.
- b. Confirmed the amounts charged complied with rates in force during the period. We found no exceptions.
- c. Inspected the Revenue Ledger to determine the receipt was posted to the proper fund, 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, 2015.
- 2. We inquired of management, and inspected the Revenue Ledger and Payment Register Detail Report for evidence of debt issued during 2017 or 2016 or debt payment activity during 2017 or 2016. All debt agreed to the Summary we used in procedure 3.
- 3. We agreed the amount of debt proceeds from the debt documents to amounts recorded in the Gasoline Tax fund per the Revenue Ledger. The amounts agreed. However, we noted the Township classified the proceeds as Other Financing Sources instead of Debt Proceeds.

Debt (Continued)

4. For new debt issued during 2017 and 2016, we inspected the debt legislation, which stated the Township must use the proceeds to purchase a Kubota Mini Excavator. We inspected the Appropriation Ledger and observed the Township purchased a Kubota Mini Excavator in March of 2017.

Payroll Cash Disbursements

- 1. We haphazardly selected one payroll check for five employees from 2017 and one payroll check for five employees from 2016 from the Wage Detail Report and:
 - a. We compared the hours and pay rate, or salary recorded in the Wage Detail Report to supporting documentation (timecard, legislatively or statutorily-approved rate or salary). We found no exceptions.
 - b. We inspected the fund and account code to which the check was posted to determine the posting was reasonable based on the employees' duties as documented in employee's personnel files and/or minute record or as required by state statute. We also confirmed the payment was posted to the proper year. We found no exceptions.
- 2. We inspected the last remittance of tax and retirement withholdings for the year ended December 31, 2017 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 of 2017. 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 15, 2018	May 16, 2018	\$4,166.53	\$4,166.53
State income taxes	January 15, 2018	January 31, 2018	\$134.42	\$134.42
OPERS retirement	January 31, 2018	December 28, 2017	\$2,142.64	\$2,142.64

As noted above, the Township did not remit Federal and State taxes by the required due date.

- 3. For the pay periods ended August 31, 2017 and April 30, 2016, we recomputed the allocation of the Boards' salaries to the General, Road and Bridge and Cemetery Fund per the Wage Detail Report. We found no exceptions.
- 4. For the pay periods described in the preceding procedure, 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 inspected the Appropriation Ledger for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, to determine if township employees and/or trustees were reimbursed for out-of-pocket insurance premiums. Insurance reimbursements made were not in accordance with ORC 505.60 and 505.601 and federal regulations. We noted the Township did not allocate reimbursements in the same allocation as reflected on the payroll certifications. The Township has posted an adjustment to its accounting system decreasing the General Fund by \$2,048, decreasing the Cemetery Fund by \$1,024 and increasing the Gasoline Tax Fund by \$3,072. We also noted, reimbursements were not taxed in accordance with federal regulations.

Non-Payroll Cash Disbursements

- 1. We haphazardly selected ten disbursements from the Appropriation Ledger for the year ended December 31, 2017 and ten from the year ended 2016 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 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 for the General, Gasoline Tax and Road and Bridge funds for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016. The amounts on the *Certificate* agreed to the amount recorded in the accounting system, except for the General, Gasoline and Road and Bridge Fund in 2017. The Revenue Status Report recorded budgeted (i.e. certified) resources for the General, Gasoline and Road and Bridge fund of \$76,526, \$128,825, and \$128,870, respectively for 2017. However, the final *Amended Official Certificate of Estimated Resources* reflected \$68,807, \$121,825, and \$112,870, 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 inspected the appropriation measures adopted for 2017 and 2016 to determine whether, for the General, Gasoline Tax and Road and Bridge 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 2017 and 2016 for the following funds: General, Gasoline Tax and Road and Bridge funds. The amounts on the appropriation resolutions did not agree to the amounts recorded in the Appropriation Status Report for 2017 in the General, Gasoline and Road and Bridge Funds. The amounts per the appropriations resolution reflected \$92,310, \$88,152 and \$111,150 for the General, Gasoline and Road and Bridge Funds, respectively. The Appropriation Status Report reflected \$100,310, \$137,552 and \$127,150 for the General, Gasoline and Road and Bridge Funds, respectively. The amounts agreed for funds tested in 2016.
- 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, Gasoline and Road and Bridge funds for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016. There were no funds for which appropriations exceeded certified resources.

Compliance - Budgetary (Continued)

- 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, 2017 and 2016 for the General, Gasoline Tax and Road and Bridge fund, as recorded in the Appropriation Status Report. The amounts agreed, except General, Gasoline and Road and Bridge Fund expenditures for 2017 exceeded total appropriations by \$24,500, \$60,094, and \$34,823, respectively, contrary to Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.41(B). General Fund expenditures for 2016 exceeded total appropriations by \$10,021, contrary to Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.41(B). The Fiscal Officer should not certify the availability of funds and should deny payment requests exceeding appropriations. The Fiscal Officer may request the Trustees to approve increased expenditure levels by increasing appropriations and amending estimated resources, if necessary, and if resources are available.
- 6. Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.09 requires establishing segregate funds to segregate externally-restricted resources. We inspected the Revenue Ledger for evidence of new restricted receipts requiring a new fund during December 31, 2017 and 2016. We also inquired of management regarding whether the Township received new restricted receipts. We observed no evidence of new restricted receipts for which Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.09 would require the Township to establish a new fund.
- 7. For funds existing in prior years, inspect the fund activity to determine whether the fund is still being used for the statutorily approved purpose and that all the required funds were established. All the required funds were established and no funds for which the statutorily approved purpose was no longer valid were included on the accounting records.
- 8. We inspected the 2017 and 2016 Revenue Status Reports 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.
- 9. We inquired of management and inspected the Appropriation Status Reports to determine whether the Township elected to establish reserve accounts permitted by Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.13. The Township did not establish these reserves.
- 10. We inspected the Cash Summary by Fund Report for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016 for negative cash fund balances. 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. No funds had a negative cash fund balance.

Compliance - Contracts & Expenditures

We inquired of management and inspected the Appropriation Ledger for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016 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

1. Ohio Rev. Code Section 117.38 requires townships 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, in addition to filing extensions granted for extenuating circumstances, allow for refiling complete financial statements, as defined in AOS Bulletin 2015-007 in the Hinkle System for December 31, 2017 and 2016 fiscal year ends included in 2015-2016 or 2016-2017 agreed upon procedure engagements, subsequent to the Township's deadline where the initial filing was filed on time but incomplete. We confirmed the Township 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, 2017 and 2016 in the Hinkle system. Fiscal year 2017 and 2016 Financial information was filed on May 1, 2018 which was not within the allotted timeframe.

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*. We were not engaged to, and did not conduct an examination or review, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion or conclusion, respectively, on the Township'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.

This report is to provide assistance in the evaluation of the Township's receipts, disbursements and balances recorded in their cash-basis accounting records for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, and certain compliance requirements related to these transactions and balances and is not suitable for any other purpose.

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GREEN TOWNSHIP

HOCKING 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 SEPTEMBER, 4 2018