

# **VILLAGE OF HANOVER**

**LICKING COUNTY, OHIO**

**AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES**

**FOR THE YEARS ENDED  
DECEMBER 31, 2024 & 2023**





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We have reviewed the *Independent Accountant's Report on Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures* of the Village of Hanover, Licking County, prepared by Julian & Grube, Inc., for the period January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2024. 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. The Village of Hanover is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

KEITH FABER  
Ohio Auditor of State

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**July 11, 2025**

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We have performed the procedures enumerated below on the Village of Hanover's receipts, disbursements and balances recorded in the cash basis accounting records for the years ended December 31, 2024, and 2023 and certain compliance requirements related to those transactions and balances, included in the information provided to us by the management of the Village. The Village is responsible for the receipts, disbursements and balances recorded in the cash basis accounting records for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023 and certain compliance requirements related to these transactions and balances included in the information provided to us by the Village.

The Village Council, Mayor and the management of the Village have agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate to meet the intended purpose of providing assistance in the evaluation of the Village's receipts, disbursements and balances recorded in their cash-basis accounting records for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, and certain compliance requirements related to these transactions and balances. Additionally, the Auditor of State has agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate to meet their purposes. No other party acknowledged the appropriateness of the procedures. This report may not be suitable for any other purpose. The procedures performed may not address all the items of interest to a user of the report and may not meet the needs of all users of the report and, as such, users are responsible for determining whether the procedures performed are appropriate for their purposes. The sufficiency of the procedures is solely the responsibility of the parties specified in the 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.

For the purposes of performing these procedures, this report only describes exceptions exceeding \$10.

The procedures and the associated findings are as follows:

**Cash**

1. We recalculated the December 31, 2024 and December 31, 2023 bank reconciliations. We found no exceptions.
2. We agreed the January 1, 2023 beginning fund balances for each fund recorded in the Cash Summary by Fund Report to the December 31, 2022 balances in the prior year documentation in the prior year Agreed-Upon Procedures working papers. We found no exceptions. We also agreed the January 1, 2024 beginning fund balances for each fund recorded in the Cash Summary by Fund Report to the December 31, 2023 balances in the Cash Summary by Fund Report. We found no exceptions.
3. We agreed the 2024 and 2023 bank reconciliation adjusted UAN Balances and Adjusted Bank Balances as of December 31, 2024 and 2023 to the total fund cash balances reported in the Fund Status Report and the financial statements filed by the Village in the Hinkle System. The amounts agreed.
4. We confirmed one accounts December 31, 2024, bank account balance with the Ohio Pooled Collateral System. We found no exceptions. We observed the other account year-end bank balance on the financial institution's website. The balance agreed. We also agreed the confirmed balances to the amounts appearing in the December 31, 2024 bank reconciliation without exception.

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5. We selected the 4 reconciling debits (such as outstanding checks) from the December 31, 2024 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 and determined the debits were dated prior to December 31. We found no exceptions.
6. We traced interbank account transfers occurring in December of 2024 and 2023 to the accounting records and bank statements to determine if they were properly recorded. We found no exceptions.

**Property Taxes, and Intergovernmental Receipts**

1. We selected a total of 5 receipts from the *Statement of Semiannual Apportionment of Taxes*, State Distribution Transaction Listing (DTL), and the County Auditor DLTs for 2024 and a total of 5 from 2023:
  - a. We compared the amount from the above named reports to the amount recorded in the Receipt Export Report. The amounts agreed.
  - b. We inspected the Receipt Export Report to determine these receipts were allocated to the proper funds as required by Ohio Rev. Code §§ 5705.05 and 5705.10. We found no exceptions.
  - c. We inspected the Receipt Export Report to determine whether the receipt was recorded in the proper year. The receipt was recorded in the proper year. We found no exceptions.
2. We inspected the Receipt Export Report to determine whether it included 2 real estate tax receipts for 2024 and 2023. The Receipt Export Report included the proper number of tax receipts for each year. We found no exceptions.

**Income Tax Receipts**

1. We obtained the December 31, 2024 and 2023 Monthly Distribution Summary reports submitted by the Regional Income Tax Agency (RITA), the agency responsible for collecting income taxes on behalf of the Village. We agreed the total gross income taxes per year to the Village's Receipt Export Report. The amounts agreed, except one income tax receipt in 2024, in the amount of \$7,009, was recorded as Tangible Personal Property Taxes instead of Municipal Income Taxes and one local government receipt from the county in 2023, in the amount of \$1,828, was recorded as Municipal Income Taxes instead of Intergovernmental receipts.
2. We obtained the original income tax ordinance which set the rate and effective period. The original ordinance was dated 10/12/2016. We determined there were no additional (council or voter) approved amendments to the original ordinance. We agreed the most recent approved rate to the rate on RITA's supporting documentation. We found no exceptions.

**Other Receipts**

1. We selected 10 other receipts in both the governmental and proprietary funds each, from the year ended December 31, 2023 and:
  - a. Agreed the receipt amount recorded in the Receipt Export Report to supporting documentation. The amounts agreed.
  - b. Confirmed the amounts charged complied with rates in force during the period. We found no exceptions.
  - c. Inspected the Receipt Export Report to determine the receipt was posted to the proper funds, and was recorded in the proper year. We found no exceptions.

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**Sewer Fund**

1. We selected 10 Sewer Fund collection cash receipts from the year ended December 31, 2024 and 10 Sewer Fund collection cash receipts from the year ended 2023 recorded in the Receipt Export Report and determined whether the:
  - a. Receipt amount per the Receipt Export Report agreed to the amount recorded to the credit of the customer's account in the Account History report. The amounts agreed.
  - b. Amount charged for the related billing period:
    - i. Agreed with the debit to accounts receivable in the Account History report for the billing period. We found no exceptions.
    - ii. Complied with rates in force during the engagement period, plus any applicable late penalties and/or unpaid prior billings. We found no exceptions.
  - c. Receipt was posted to the proper fund and was recorded in the year received. We found no exceptions.
2. We observed the Account Receivable Detail report.
  - a. This report listed \$10,344 and \$15,704 of accounts receivable as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively.
  - b. Of the total receivables reported in the preceding procedure, \$853 and \$529 were recorded as more than 90 days delinquent.
3. We observed the Adjustments Detail report.
  - a. This report listed a total of \$8,599 and \$5,395 non-cash receipts adjustments for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively.
  - b. We selected 5 non-cash adjustments from 2024 and 5 non-cash adjustments from 2023, and observed that the Clerk-Treasurer/Fiscal Officer or council approved each adjustment.

**Debt**

1. From the prior agreed upon procedures documentation, we observed bonds and loans were outstanding as of December 31, 2022. These outstanding balances are included in the "Summary Debt Table - Carry Forward Balance" column in the summary chart in procedure 3.
2. We inquired of management and inspected the Receipt Export Report and Payment Export Report for evidence of debt issued during 2024 or 2023 or debt payment activity during 2024 or 2023. We included the newly issued debt for 2024 and 2023 in the Summary Debt table below.
3. From the summary of outstanding debt for 2024 and 2023 below:
  - a. We agreed the principal and interest payments from the related debt amortization schedules to the Street Construction Maintenance and Repair, Municipal Bond-Paving & Storm Loan, and Sewer Operating funds payments reported in the Payment Export Report and included the total principal payments for both years in the table below. We found no exceptions.
  - b. We compared the date the debt service payments were due to the date the Village made the payments. We found no exceptions.
  - c. Based on the principal payments made, we agreed the outstanding balances to debt amortization schedule and included the outstanding balances in the summary table below. We found no exceptions.
  - d. For any outstanding debt listed in the table below, we obtained the debt agreements and confirmed the Village was in compliance with its debt covenants. We found no exceptions.

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Summary Debt Table					
Debt Issued	Carry Forward Balance 1/1/2023	New Issue 2023	New Issue 2024	Total Principal Payments 2023/2024	Outstanding Balance 12/31/2024
OWDA – Loan #4615	\$1,138,679.81	-	-	\$455,471.88	\$683,207.93
Municipal Bond	\$237,327.71	-	-	\$237,327.71	-
OPWC – Loan #CQ32W	\$207,150.50	-	-	\$48,741.28	\$158,409.22
OPWC – Loan #CQ50V	\$205,042.10	-	-	\$48,245.20	\$156,796.90
SIB Loan	-	\$376,508.00	\$5,647.62	-	\$382,155.62
Municipal Bond #2	-	-	\$89,000.00	-	\$89,000.00

4. For any new debt identified in procedure 2 and added to the table in procedures 3, we agreed the amount of debt proceeds received for 2024 and 2023 from the debt documents to amounts recorded in the Sidewalk Project SIB Loan fund and the Municipal Bond 4 Way Stop/S.Main St. fund per the Receipt Export Report. The amounts agreed. The Village properly recorded the proceeds in a bond fund (i.e. capital projects fund) as required by Ohio Rev. Code § 5705.09(E).
5. For new debt issued during 2023, we inspected the debt legislation and ordinance, which stated the Village must use the proceeds for West High Street Sidewalk Improvement Project. We inspected the Payment Export Report and observed the Village expended the funds on the approved project in 2023. For new debt issued during 2024, we inspected the debt legislation and ordinance, which stated the Village must use the proceeds for the High/Main Street 4 Way Stop Project and the South Main Drainage Repair projects. We inspected the Payment Export Report and observed the Village spent \$47,818.50 on these improvements in 2024, leaving a remaining balance of \$41,181.50 of unspent proceeds as of the year ended December 31, 2024. We found no exceptions.

#### Non-Payroll Cash Disbursements

1. We selected 10 disbursements from the Payment Export Report for the year ended December 31, 2024 and 10 from the year ended 2023 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 Export 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 Clerk-Treasurer/Fiscal Officer certified disbursements requiring certification or issued a *Then and Now Certificate*, as required by Ohio Rev. Code § 5705.41(D). We found no exceptions.

#### Compliance – Budgetary

1. Ohio Rev. Code § 5705.41(B) prohibits expenditures (disbursements plus contract commitments including outstanding encumbrances) from exceeding appropriations. We compared total expenditures to total approved appropriations (Ohio Rev. Code §§ 5705.38 and 5705.40) plus any carryover appropriations for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023 for the General, Municipal Bond – Paving and Storm Loan and Other Special Revenue - Fire fund as recorded in the Appropriation Status Report. Expenditures did not exceed appropriations.



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2. We inspected the 2 interfund transfers from 2024 and the 2 from 2023 Revenue Status Reports and Appropriation Status Reports for compliance with Ohio Rev. Code §§ 5705.14 -.16. We found no evidence of transfers these Sections prohibit, or for which Section 5705.16 would require approval by the Tax Commissioner.
3. We inspected the Cash Summary by Fund Report for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023 for negative cash fund balance. Ohio Rev. Code § 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. There were no funds having negative cash fund balances.

**Sunshine Law Compliance**

1. We obtained and inspected the Village's Public Records Policy to determine the policy was in accordance with Ohio Rev. Code §§ 149.43(E)(2) and 149.43(B)(7)(c) and did not limit the number of responses that may be made to a particular person, limit the number of responses during a specified period of time, or establish a fixed period of time before it will respond unless that period is less than eight hours. We found no exceptions.
2. We selected the 2 public records requests from the engagement period and inspected each request to determine the following:
  - a. The Village was compliant and responded to the request in accordance with their adopted policy as required by Ohio Rev. Code § 149.43(B)(1). We found no exceptions.
  - b. The Village did not have any denied public records requests during the engagement period.
  - c. The Village did not have any public records requests with redactions during the engagement period.
3. We inquired whether the Village had a records retention schedule and observed that it was readily available to the public as required by Ohio Rev. Code § 149.43(B)(2). We found no exceptions.
4. We inspected written evidence that the Public Records Policy was provided to the records custodian/manager as required by Ohio Rev. Code § 149.43(E)(2). We found no exceptions.
5. We inspected the Village's policy manual and determined the public records policy was included as required by Ohio Rev. Code § 149.43(E)(2). We found no exceptions.
6. We observed that the Village's poster describing their Public Records Policy was displayed conspicuously in all branches of the Village as required by Ohio Rev. Code § 149.43(E)(2). We found no exceptions.
7. We selected the one application submitted to the Records Commission for one-time disposal of obsolete records, and management's review of the schedules of records retention and dispositions for the engagement period. We inspected the approval by the Records Commission for the one selected and the review of the schedules. This was required by Ohio Rev. Code § 149.412. We found no exceptions.
8. We inspected individual proof of attendance and determined whether each elected official in accordance with Ohio Rev. Code § 149.43(E)(1) (or his/her designee) successfully attended a certified three-hour Public Records Training for each term of office as required by Ohio Rev. Code § 109.43(B). We found no exceptions.
9. We inspected the public notices for the public meetings held during the engagement period and determined the Village notified the general public and news media of when and where meetings during the engagement period were to be held as required by Ohio Rev. Code § 121.22(F). We found no exceptions.

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10. We inspected the minutes of public meetings during the engagement period in accordance with Ohio Rev. Code § 121.22(C) and determined whether they were:
  - a. Prepared – a file is created following the date of the meeting
  - b. Filed – placed with similar documents in an organized manner
  - c. Maintained - retained, at a minimum, for the engagement period
  - d. Open to public inspection – available for public viewing or request.We found no exceptions.
11. We inspected the minutes from the engagement period in accordance with Ohio Rev. Code § 121.22(G) and determined the following:
  - a. Executive sessions were only held at regular or special meetings.
  - b. The purpose for the meetings and going into an executive session (when applicable) correlated with one of the matters listed in Ohio Rev. Code § 121.22(G).
  - c. Formal governing board actions were adopted in open meetings.We found no exceptions.

**Contract Compliance:**

1. We inspected the minutes and Payment Export Report and identified the Village had expenditures subject to competitive bidding. We found no exceptions.
2. We selected 1 contract subject to competitive bidding requirements for 2024 and 1 for 2023 and
  - a. We inspected the contract and other bids for the contracted expenditure and determined:
    - i. The Village accepted the lowest bid and met the requirements of Ohio Rev. Code § 735.05.
    - ii. No bid splitting occurred.
    - iii. No deliberate attempts to evade bid limitations occurred, such as successive contracts just under the bid amount, occurred.
    - iv. No apparent interest in the contract by a public official occurred.We found no exceptions.
  - b. We inspected the advertisements of the proposals for bids in the newspaper and determined they were made as required by Ohio Rev. Code § 731.14. We found no exceptions.

**Other Compliance**

1. Ohio Rev. Code § 117.38 requires villages 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, regarding the filing of complete financial statements, as defined in AOS Bulletin 2015-007 in the Hinkle System. We confirmed the Village 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, 2024 and 2023 in the Hinkle system. We found no exceptions.
2. We inquired of the fiscal officer *and* inspected 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 §§ 507.12 and 733.81. The Clerk-Treasurer/Fiscal Officer obtained the required training, except for the ethics training requirement, for her term ended March 31, 2023.

We were engaged by the Village to perform this agreed-upon procedures engagement and conducted our engagement in accordance with the attestation standards established by the AICPA and the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*. We were not engaged to, and did not conduct an examination or review engagement, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion or conclusion, respectively, on the Village'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.

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We are required to be independent of the Village and to meet our ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the ethical requirements established by the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards* related to our agreed upon procedures engagement.

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Julian & Grube, Inc.  
May 15, 2025

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# OHIO AUDITOR OF STATE KEITH FABER



**VILLAGE OF HANOVER**

**LICKING COUNTY**

## **AUDITOR OF STATE OF OHIO CERTIFICATION**

This is a true and correct copy of the report, which is required to be filed pursuant to Section 117.26, Revised Code, and which is filed in the Office of the Ohio Auditor of State in Columbus, Ohio.



**Certified for Release 7/24/2025**

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