

**LAGRANGE TOWNSHIP**

**LORAIN COUNTY**

**JANUARY 1, 2012 TO DECEMBER 31, 2013  
AGREED UPON PROCEDURES**





# Dave Yost • Auditor of State

Board of Trustees  
LaGrange Township  
353 South Center Street  
LaGrange, Ohio 44050

We have reviewed the *Independent Accountants' Report on Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures* of LaGrange Township, Lorain County, prepared by Varney, Fink & Associates, Inc., for the period July 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. LaGrange Township is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

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Dave Yost  
Auditor of State

October 21, 2014

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

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353 South Center Street  
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We have performed the procedures enumerated below, with which the Board of Trustees and the management of LaGrange Township (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**

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 Fund Status Report to the December 31, 2011 balances in the prior year Agreed-Upon Procedures working papers. We found no exceptions. We also agreed the January 1, 2013 beginning fund balances recorded in the Fund Status Report to the December 31, 2012 balances in the Fund Status 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 Fund Status Reports. The amounts agreed.
4. We confirmed the December 31, 2013 bank account balance 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.

**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 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 Ledger Report to determine whether it included two real estate tax receipts for 2013 and 2012. We noted the Revenue Ledger Report included the proper number of tax receipts for each year.
3. We selected all receipts from the State Distribution Transaction Lists (DTL) from 2013 and five from 2012. We also selected five receipts from the County Auditor's DTLs 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.
4. We confirmed the amounts paid from Medicount Management to the Township during 2013 and 2012 with the Medicount Management. We found no exceptions.
  - 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. From the prior audit documentation, we noted the following loan outstanding as of December 31, 2011. This amount agreed to the Townships January 1, 2012 balances on the summary we used in step 3.

Issue	Principal outstanding as of December 31, 2011:
OPWC Cap Project Loan C139J	\$44,288.49

2. We inquired of management, and scanned the Receipt Ledger Report and Appropriation Ledger Report for evidence of debt issued during 2013 or 2012 or debt payment activity during 2013 or 2012. All debt noted agreed to the summary we used in step 3.

3. We obtained a summary of loan debt activity for 2013 and 2012 and agreed principal payments from the related debt amortization schedule to Gasoline Tax fund payments reported in the Appropriation Ledger Report. We also compared the date the debt service payments were due to the date the Township made the payments. We found no exceptions.

**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 codes 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 (and social security, for employees not enrolled in pension system)	January 31, 2014	January 15, 2014	\$9,271.77	\$9,271.77
State income taxes	January 15, 2014	January 15, 2014	\$1,157.42	\$1,157.42
Local income tax	January 31, 2014	January 15, 2014	\$2,107.33	\$2,107.33
OPERS retirement	January 30, 2014	January 15, 2014	\$7,066.84	\$7,066.84

3. We haphazardly selected and recomputed one termination payment (unused vacation, etc.) using the following information, and agreed the computation to the amount paid as recorded in the Employee Detail Adjustment Report:
  - a. Accumulated leave records
  - b. The employee's pay rate in effect as of the termination date
  - c. The Township's payout policy.

The amount paid was consistent with the information recorded in a. through c. above.

We inquired of management and scanned the Payment Register Detail Report 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 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 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 for the General, Road and Bridge and Cemetery 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. The Revenue Status Report recorded budgeted (i.e. certified) resources for the General Fund of \$270,688, \$243,751 for the Road and Bridge Fund and \$25,000 for the Cemetery Fund for 2013. For 2012 the Revenue Status Report recorded budgeted (i.e. certified) resources for the General Fund of \$245,119, \$238,463 for the Road and Bridge Fund and \$50,000 for the Cemetery Fund. However, the final *Amended Official Certificate of Estimated Resources* reflected \$262,901, \$219,223 and \$45,200 in the General Fund, Road and Bridge Fund and Cemetery Fund, respectively, in 2013 and in 2012 the final *Amended Official Certificate of Estimated Resources* reflected \$451,043, \$238,802 and \$35,720 in the General Fund, Road and Bridge Fund and Cemetery Fund, 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, Road and Bridge and Fire/Ems Levy 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, Gasoline Tax, and Community Park funds. 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, Solid Waste Grant Revenue and Elyria Public Library funds for the years ended December 31, 2013 and 2012. We noted that Elyria Public Library Fund appropriations for 2013 exceeded certified resources by \$167, and the Solid Waste Grant Revenue Fund appropriations for 2012 exceeded certified resources by \$6,636, 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 fund and Cemetery fund, 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 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 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 2013 and 2012 Revenue Ledger Reports and Appropriation Ledger Reports for evidence of interfund transfers exceeding \$25,000 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.
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 Fund Status 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 Report 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, 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.

*Varney, Fink & Associates*

VARNEY, FINK & ASSOCIATES, INC.  
Certified Public Accountants

September 29, 2014



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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  
NOVEMBER 6, 2014**