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## INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

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Coshocton County  
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We have performed the procedures enumerated below on Linton Township, Coshocton County, Ohio (the Township) receipts, disbursements and balances recorded in the cash basis accounting records for the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019 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, 2020 and 2019 and certain compliance requirements related to these transactions and balances included in the information provided to us by the Township.

The Board of Trustees and the management of the Township have agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate to meet the intended purpose of providing 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, 2020 and 2019, and certain compliance requirements related to these transactions and balances. 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 and Investments

1. We recalculated the December 31, 2020 and December 31, 2019 bank reconciliations. We found no exceptions.
2. We agreed the January 1, 2019 beginning fund balances for each fund recorded in the Fund Ledger Report to the December 31, 2018 balances in the documentation in the prior year Agreed-Upon Procedures working papers. We found no exceptions, once voided checks were accounted for. We also agreed the January 1, 2020 beginning fund balances for each fund recorded in the Fund Ledger Report to the December 31, 2019 balances in the Fund Ledger Report. We found no exceptions.

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

3. We agreed the totals per the bank reconciliations to the total of the December 31, 2020 and 2019 fund cash balances reported in the Fund Status Report and the financial statements filed by the Township in the Hinkle System. The amounts agreed.
4. We confirmed the December 31, 2020 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, 2020 bank reconciliation without exception.
5. We selected five reconciling debits (such as outstanding checks) from the December 31, 2020 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. There were no exceptions.
6. We selected the only reconciling credit (such as deposits in transit) from the December 31, 2020 bank reconciliation:
  - a. We traced the credit to the subsequent January payment register transaction to correct for an understatement from October of 2020. We found no exceptions.
  - b. We agreed the credit amounts to the October bank statement and the October Payment Register Report and determined the reconciling amount was correct and that it was dated prior to December 31. We found no exceptions.
7. We inspected investments held at December 31, 2020 and December 31, 2019 to determine that they:
  - a. Were of a type authorized by Ohio Rev. Code §§ 135.13, 135.14 or 135.144. We found no exceptions
  - b. Mature within the prescribed time limits noted in Ohio Rev. Code § 135.13 or 135.14. We noted no exceptions.

### **Property Taxes and Intergovernmental Cash Receipts**

1. We selected a total of five receipts from the *Statement of Semiannual Apportionment of Taxes*, State Distribution Transaction Lists (DTL), and the Coshocton County Auditor's Audit Trail by Vendor Report for 2020 and a total of five from 2019:
  - a. We compared the amount from the above named reports to the amount recorded in the Receipt Detail Report. The amounts agreed.
  - b. We inspected the Receipt Detail Report to determine these receipts were allocated to the proper funds as required by Ohio Rev. Code §§ 5705.05-.06 and 5705.10. We found no exceptions.
  - c. We inspected the Receipt Detail 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 Register Report to determine whether it included two real estate tax receipts for 2020 and 2019. The Receipt Register Report included the proper number of tax receipts for each year.

**Other Receipts**

We selected 10 other receipts from the year ended December 31, 2020 and:

- a. Agreed the receipt amount recorded in the Receipt Register 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 Register Report to determine the receipt was posted to the proper funds, and was recorded in the proper year. We found no exceptions.

**Debt**

1. From the prior agreed-upon procedures documentation, we observed the following loans were outstanding as of December 31, 2018. These amounts agreed to the Townships January 1, 2019 balances on the summary we used in procedure 3.

Issue	Principal outstanding as of December 31, 2018:
USDA Bonds - Track Hoe and Mower	\$42,300
2015 Dump Truck Note	\$ 8,012

2. We inquired of management, and inspected the Receipt Register Report and Payment Register Detail Report for evidence of debt issued during 2020 or 2019 or debt payment activity during 2020 or 2019. All debt agreed to the summary we used in procedure 3.
3. We obtained a summary of bonds and note debt activity for 2020 and 2019 and agreed principal and interest payments from the related debt amortization schedules or bank confirmations to debt service fund payments reported in the Payment Register Detail Report. We also compared the date the debt service payments were due to the date the Township made the payments. We found no exceptions. However, the bank loans for the dump trucks did not meet the criteria for an allowable debt type for Townships per Ohio Rev. Code §§ 133 and 505.262(A). The Ohio Revised Code contains various methods of incurring debt for Townships. Installment loans and promissory notes with banking institutions are not legal methods of debt for Townships.
4. We agreed the amount of debt proceeds from the debt documents to amounts recorded in the General, Gasoline Tax, and Road and Bridge funds per the Receipt Register Report. The amounts agreed.
5. For new debt issued during 2020 and 2019, we inspected the loan agreements, which stated the Township must use the proceeds to purchase a dump truck in 2020 and 2019, respectively. We inspected the Payment Register Detail Report and observed the Township purchased a dump truck in November of 2020 and another dump truck in November of 2019.

**Payroll Cash Disbursements**

1. We selected one payroll check for five employees from 2020 and one payroll check for five employees from 2019 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).
    - i. We inspected the employees' personnel files and minute record for the Retirement system, Federal, State & Local income tax withholding authorization.
    - ii. We agreed these items to the information used to compute gross and net pay related to this check. We found no exceptions.
  - b. We inspected the fund and account codes to which the check was posted to determine the posting was allowable based on the employees' duties as documented in the minute record. We found no exceptions.
  - c. We 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, 2020 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 2020. We observed 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, 2021	December 14, 2020	\$259	\$259
State income taxes	January 15, 2021	December 14, 2020	\$57	\$57
OPERS retirement	January 30, 2021	December 14, 2020	\$936	\$936

3. For the pay periods ended October 31, 2020 and May 31, 2019, we
  - a. Recomputed the allocation of the Fiscal Officer's and Boards' salary amounts to the General and Gasoline Tax Fund per the Wage Detail Report.
  - b. Traced the Boards' pay for time or services performed to supporting certifications the Revised Code requires.

We found that the Trustees were consistently certifying their salary as 20% from the General Fund and 80% from the Gasoline Tax Fund; however, no resolution was approved by the Trustees, as required by Ohio Rev. Code § 505.24(C).
4. We compared total gross pay for the fiscal officer and each board member for 2020 and 2019 to the compensation permitted by Ohio Revised Code §§ 507.09 and 505.24, respectively. We found no exceptions.
5. We inquired of management and inspected the Payment Register Detail Report for the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019 to determine if township employees and/or trustees were reimbursed for out-of-pocket insurance premiums. Insurance reimbursements made were in compliance with Ohio Rev. Code §§ 505.60, 505.601, 505.602 and 505.603 and federal regulations.

### **Non-Payroll Cash Disbursements**

We selected 10 disbursements from the Payment Register Detail Report for the year ended December 31, 2020 and 10 from the year ended 2019 and determined whether:

- a. The disbursements were for a proper public purpose. We found no exceptions. However, for one disbursement selected it was undeterminable whether the annual payment made to an individual was to an independent contractor or an employee. The Township neither completed a Form W-2 in accordance with 26 C.F.R § 1.6041-2(a)(1) to report employee wages, nor a Form 1099 in accordance with 26 C.F.R. § 1.6041-1 to report independent contractor salary.
- 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 § 5705.41(D). We found no exceptions.

### **Compliance – Budgetary**

1. Ohio Rev. Code § 5705.41(B) prohibits expenditures (disbursements plus certified commitments) 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, 2020 for the General, Coronavirus Relief and Fire District – Special Levy Fund and December 31, 2019 for the General, Fire District – Special Levy and Cemetery Funds as recorded in the Appropriation Status Report. There were no funds for which expenditures exceeded appropriations.
2. We inspected the Appropriation Ledger Report for the BMB Cemetery Fund, 75% Cemetery Bequest, 25% Cemetery Bequest and Fowler Estate Bequest Funds. Not more than 5% of non-spendable monies were released, spent, or otherwise modified during the engagement period. No exceptions were noted.
3. We inspected the Cash Summary by Fund Report for the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019 for negative cash fund balances. 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. No funds had a negative cash fund balances.

### **Sunshine Law Compliance**

1. We inquired with Township management and determined that the Township did not have a public records policy during the engagement period as required by Ohio Rev. Code § 149.43(E)(2).
2. We inquired with Township management and determined that the Township did not have any completed public records requests during the engagement period.
3. We inquired with Township management and determined that the Township did not have a records retention schedule during the engagement period and therefore could not make it readily available to the public as required by Ohio Rev. Code § 149.43(B)(2).

**Sunshine Law Compliance (Continued)**

4. We inquired with Township management and determined that the Township did not have a public records policy during the engagement period therefore could not provide it to the records custodian/manager as required by Ohio Rev. Code § 149.43(E)(2).
5. We inquired with Township management and determined that the Township did not have a public records policy during the engagement period therefore it could not be included in a policy manual as required by Ohio Rev. Code § 149.43(E)(2).
6. We inquired with Township management and determined that the Township did not have a public records policy during the engagement period therefore it could not be displayed in all the branches of the Township as required by Ohio Rev. Code § 149.43(E)(2).
7. We inquired with Township management and determined that the Township did not have any applications for record disposal submitted to the Records Commission during the engagement period.
8. We inspected individual training certificates 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 that one Trustee had not attend the certified three-hour Public Records Training during his term ending December 31, 2019.
9. We inspected the public notices for the public meetings held during the engagement period and determined the Township 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.
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.



### **HB 481 / HB 614 Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) Compliance**

1. We inquired of management and those charged with governance and documented how the Township decided to spend their CRF allocations and how the Township evaluated and documented their compliance with the CARES Act three-prong test. We then selected all four, non-payroll, and subgrant/subloan transactions. and determined the Township:
  - a. Spent the CRF money (including additional distributions or redistributions) in accordance with use of funds requirements [i.e. Cares Act three-prong test and in accordance with those charged with governance documented use] and
  - b. Maintained appropriate supporting documentation.We found no exceptions
  
2. We inquired with management and inspected the Appropriation Ledger Report to determine the local government did not have an unencumbered balance of money to pay back to the county treasurer. We found no exceptions.

### **Other Compliance**

1. Ohio Rev. Code § 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 regarding the filing of complete financial statements, as defined in AOS Bulletin 2015-007 in the Hinkle System. 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, 2020 and 2019 in the Hinkle system. There were no exceptions.
  
2. We 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 Fiscal Officer obtained the required training.
  
3. For all credit card accounts we obtained:
  - copies of existing internal control policies,
  - a list(s) of authorized users, and
  - a list of all credit card account transactions.
  - a. We inspected the established policy obtained above and determined it is:
    - i. in compliance with the HB 312 statutory requirements, and
    - ii. implemented by the entity.We found no exceptions.
  
  - b. We selected 1 credit card transaction from each credit card account for testing. For selected transactions we inspected documentation to determine that:
    - i. Use was by an authorized user within the guidelines established in the policy, and
    - ii. Each transaction was supported with original invoices and for a proper public purpose.We found no exceptions.

**Other Compliance (Continued)**

- c. We selected 3 credit card statements from each credit card account for testing. For selected statements we inspected documentation to determine that:
  - i. No unpaid beginning balance was carried forward to the current billing cycle,
  - ii. Ending statement balance was paid in full, and
  - iii. Statement contained no interest or late fees.

We found no exceptions.

We were engaged by the Township 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 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.

We are required to be independent of the Township 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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Columbus, Ohio

September 27, 2021

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**LINTON TOWNSHIP**

**COSHOCTON 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 10/12/2021**

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