

**VILLAGE OF HANOVER**  
LICKING COUNTY, OHIO

**AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES**

**FOR THE YEARS ENDED  
DECEMBER 31, 2020 AND 2019**



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We have reviewed the *Independent Accountants' Report on Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures* of the Village of Hanover, Licking County, prepared by Julian & Grube, Inc., for the period January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2020. 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.

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Keith Faber  
Auditor of State  
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**June 16, 2021**

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

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We have performed the procedures enumerated below, which were agreed to by the Village Council, Mayor and the management of the Village of Hanover (the Village) and the Auditor of State, on the receipts, disbursements and balances recorded in the Villages 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 Village. The Village 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 Village. 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, 2020 and December 31, 2019 bank reconciliations. We found no exceptions.
2. We agreed the January 1, 2019 beginning fund balances recorded in the Fund Status Report to the December 31, 2018 balances in the prior year audited statements. We found no exceptions. We also agreed the January 1, 2020 beginning fund balances recorded in the Fund Status Report to the December 31, 2019 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, 2020 and 2019 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 observed the year-end bank balances on the financial institution's website. The balances agreed. 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 one reconciling credit (such as deposits in transit) from the December 31, 2020 bank reconciliation:
  - a. We did not trace the credit to the subsequent bank statements. We noted the reconciling credit was not actually outstanding as of December 31, 2020, but was a reconciling discrepancy in the Village's system. A receipt was recorded for the incorrect amount, and was then again recorded for the correct amount. The original error was not removed and the Village is currently working on properly removing it from their system.

- b. We agreed the credit amount to the Receipt Detail Report and determined it was dated prior to December 31. We found no exceptions.
7. We traced interbank account transfers occurring in December of 2020 and 2019 to the accounting records and bank statements to determine if they were properly recorded. We found no exceptions.

#### **Property Taxes, Intergovernmental and Other Confirmable Cash Receipts**

1. We selected a total of five receipts from the *Statement of Semiannual Apportionment of Taxes*, State Distribution Transaction Listing (DTL), and the County Auditor DTLs 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 Sections 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 Detail Report to determine whether it included two real estate tax receipts for 2020 and 2019. The Receipt Detail Report included the proper number of tax receipts for each year.
3. We confirmed the individual amounts paid from the Ohio Public Works Commission to the Village during 2020 with the Commission. We found no exceptions.
  - a. We inspected the Receipt Detail Report to determine whether these receipts were allocated to the proper fund. We found no exceptions.
  - b. We inspected the Receipt Detail Report to determine whether the receipts were recorded in the proper year. We noted one instance of an on-behalf payment of \$165,030 which was not recorded by the Village in 2020.

#### **Income Tax Receipts**

1. We obtained the December 31, 2020 and 2019 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 Detail Report. The amounts agreed.

#### **Sewer Fund**

1. We selected 10 Sewer Fund collection cash receipts from the year ended December 31, 2020 and 10 Sewer Fund collection cash receipts from the year ended 2019 recorded in the Receipt Detail Report and determined whether the:
  - a. Receipt amount per the Receipt Detail 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 in the Account History Report for the billing period. We found no exceptions.
    - ii. Complied with rates in force during the audit period. We found no exceptions.
  - c. Receipt was posted to the proper fund, and was recorded in the year received. We found no exceptions.
2. The Village provides sewer utilities to its customers. The Village does have an accounts receivable system, however, it only has the capability of viewing the current accounts receivable and not historic data.

3. We observed the Adjustments Detail Report.
  - a. This report listed a total of \$6,391 and \$6,010 non-cash receipts adjustments for the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019, respectively.
  - b. We selected five non-cash adjustments from 2020 and five non-cash adjustments from 2019, and observed that the clerk treasurer approved each adjustment.

**Debt**

1. From the prior audit documentation, we observed the following loan was outstanding as of December 31, 2018. This amount agreed to the Villages January 1, 2019 balance on the summary we used in procedure 3.

Issue	Principal outstanding as of December 31, 2018:
Ohio Water Development Authority Loan	\$2,049,623

2. We inquired of management, and inspected the Receipt Detail 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 bond and loan debt activity for 2020 and 2019 and agreed principal and interest payments from the related debt amortization schedules 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 Village made the payments. We found no exceptions.
4. We agreed the amount of debt proceeds from the debt documents to amounts recorded in the Other Capital Projects fund per the Receipt Detail 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 Section 5705.09(E).
5. For new debt issued during 2020 and 2019, we inspected the debt legislation, which stated the Village must use the proceeds for a Street Improvement Construction Project. We inspected the Payment Register Detail Report and observed the Village expended the funds on the approved project in 2019 and 2020. As of December 31, 2020, there was \$143,634 in unspent proceeds.

**Non-Payroll Cash Disbursements**

1. 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.
  - 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 clerk treasurer 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. Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.41(B) prohibits expenditures (disbursements plus certified commitments) from exceeding appropriations. We compared total expenditures to total approved appropriations (Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.38 and 5705.40) plus any carryover appropriations for the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019 for the General, Street Construction, Maintenance and Repair, and Fire funds, as recorded in the Appropriation Status Report. We observed no funds for which expenditures exceeded appropriations.

2. We inspected the two interfund transfers from the 2020 Revenue Ledger Report and Appropriation Ledger Expenditure Report for compliance with Ohio Rev. Code Sections 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, 2020 and 2019 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. 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 inquired with Village management and determined that the Village did not have any completed public records requests 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) and 149.43(B)(3). 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 policies 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 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 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.



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 Section 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 Village decided to spend their CRF allocations and how the Village evaluated and documented their compliance with the CARES Act three-prong test. We then selected five payroll, non-payroll, and subgrant/subloan transactions and determined the Village:

- a. Spent the CRF money (including additional distributions or redistributions) in accordance with use of funds requirements and
- b. Maintained appropriate supporting documentation.

We found no exceptions.

2. We inquired with management and inspected the Fund Status 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 Section 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, 2020 and 2019 in the Hinkle system. There were no exceptions.

2. We inquired of the clerk treasurer and inspected the Fiscal Integrity Act Portal (<http://www.ohioauditor.gov/fiscalintegrity/default.html>) to determine whether the clerk treasurer obtained the training required by Ohio Rev. Code Section 507.12 and 733.81. Clerk Treasurer obtained the required training.

3. For all credit card accounts we obtained:

- copies of existing internal control policies,
- a list 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 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.
- 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.

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 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.

This report is to provide 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, 2020 and 2019, and certain compliance requirements related to these transactions and balances and is not suitable for any other purpose.



Julian & Grube, Inc.  
May 15, 2021

# 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 6/29/2021**

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