

VILLAGE OF DENNISON

TUSCARAWAS COUNTY

Agreed Upon Procedures

For the Years Ended December 31, 2021 and 2020



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We have reviewed the *Independent Accountant's Report on Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures* of the Village of Dennison, Tuscarawas County, prepared by Charles E. Harris & Associates, Inc., for the period January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2021. 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 Dennison is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

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Keith Faber
Auditor of State
Columbus, Ohio

June 27, 2022

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

Village of Dennison
Tuscarawas County
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We have performed the procedures enumerated below on the Village of Dennison's (the Village) receipts, disbursements and balances recorded in the cash basis accounting records for the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020 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, 2021 and 2020 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, 2021 and 2020, 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, 2021 and December 31, 2020 bank reconciliations. We found no exceptions.
2. We agreed the January 1, 2020 beginning fund balances for each fund recorded in the Fund Status Report the December 31, 2019 balances to documentation in the prior year audited statements. We found no exceptions. We also agreed the January 1, 2021 beginning fund balances for each fund recorded in the Fund Status Report to the December 31 2020 balances in the Fund Status Report. We found no exceptions.
3. We agreed the 2021 and 2020 Bank Reconciliation adjusted UAN and adjusted bank balances as of December 31, 2021 and 2020 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 observed the December 31, 2021 bank account balances on the financial institution's website. The balances agreed. We also agreed the observed balances to the amounts appearing in the December 31, 2021 bank reconciliation without exception.

5. We selected five reconciling debits (such as outstanding checks) from the December 31, 2021 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.

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 County Auditor DTLs for 2021 and a total of five from 2020:
 - a. We compared the amount from the above-named reports to the amount recorded in the Receipt Export. The amounts agreed.
 - b. We inspected the Receipt Export 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 Export 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 Journal to determine whether it included two real estate tax receipts for 2021 and 2020. The Receipt Journal included the proper number of tax receipts for each year. We found no exceptions.

Income Tax Receipts

We obtained the December 31, 2021 and 2020 RITA Tax reports submitted by the Regional Income Tax Agency, the agency is responsible for collecting taxes on behalf of the Village. We agreed the total gross income taxes per year to the Village's Receipt Export. The amounts agreed.

Debt

1. From the prior audit documentation, we observed the following loans outstanding as of December 31, 2019. These amounts agreed to the Village's January 1, 2020 summary we used in procedure 3.

Issue	Principal outstanding as of December 31, 2019:
OPWC – CN20T	\$ 60,791
2016 Building Improvement Bonds	134,766

2. We inquired of management, and inspected the Receipt Export and Payment Export for evidence of debt issued during 2021 or 2020 or debt payment activity during 2021 or 2020. All debt agreed to the summary we used in procedure 3.
3. We obtained a summary of the debt activity for 2021 and 2020 and agreed principal and interest payments from the related debt amortization schedules to the General Fund payments reported in the Payment Export. 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 received for 2021 and 2020 from the debt documents to amounts recorded in the General Fund per the Receipt Export. The amounts agreed.
5. For new debt issued during 2021 and 2020, we inspected the debt legislation, which stated the Village must use the proceeds to repave streets in 2021 and to purchase a dump truck in 2020. We inspected the Expense Export and observed the Village purchased a dump truck in September of 2020 and observed the Village paid for Street repaving in September of 2021.

Payroll Cash Disbursements

1. We selected one payroll check for five employees from 2021 and one payroll check for five employees from 2020 from the Wage Detail and:
 - a. We compared the hours and pay rate, or salary recorded in the Wage Detail to supporting documentation (timecard, legislatively or statutorily-approved rate or salary).
 - i. We inspected the employees' personnel files and minute records 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 employee's personal files or minute records. 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, 2021 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 2021. 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 31, 2022	January 25, 2022	\$25,841.36	\$25,841.36
State income taxes	January 15, 2022	December 28, 2021	2,003.60	2,003.60
Local income tax	January 30, 2022	December 29, 2021	10,632.95	10,632.95
OPERS retirement	January 30, 2022	January 26, 2022	4,233.54	4,233.54
OP&F	January 30, 2022	January 26, 2022	6,602.14	6,602.14

We found no exceptions.

Non-Payroll Cash Disbursements

1. We selected 10 disbursements from the Payment Export for the year ended December 31, 2021 and 10 from the year ended December 31, 2020 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 Cash Journal 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, 2021 and 2020 for the General, Street construction, maintenance and repair and the State highway funds as recorded in the Appropriations status report. Expenditures did not exceed appropriations.
2. We inspected the only transfer from 2021 and 2020 Revenue Export Reports and Appropriation status reports for compliance with Ohio Rev. Code §§ 5705.14 - .16. The Village transferred \$50,000 from the Police and Fire Pension Fund to the General Fund. Ohio Rev. Code § 5705.16 does not permit this transfer without approval of the Tax Commissioner. The Village did not obtain this approval. We therefore requested management to adjust this amount to the Police and Fire Pension Fund. The Village provided documentation that the clerk adjusted this amount on May 25, 2022.
3. We inspected the Appropriation Status Report for the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020 for negative cash fund balances. Ohio Rev. Code § 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.

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 only public records request from the engagement period and inspected the 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.

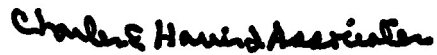
5. We inquired with Village management and determined that the Village did not have a policy manual during the engagement period therefore the public records policy could not be included as required by Ohio Rev. Code § 149.43(E)(2).
6. We observed that the Village's poster describing their Public Records 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 inquired with Village management and determined that the Village did not have any applications for record disposal submitted to the Records Commission during the engagement period.
8. We inspected individual proof of attendance and determined that 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 § 121.22(G).
 - c. Formal governing board actions were adopted in open meetings.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. The 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 the Auditor of State established policy, within the allotted timeframe for the year ended December 31, 2020 in the Hinkle system. Financial information was filed on March 7, 2022 for the 2021 fiscal year which was not within the allotted timeframe.

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.

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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Charles E. Harris & Associates, Inc.
May 25, 2022

OHIO AUDITOR OF STATE KEITH FABER



VILLAGE OF DENNISON

TUSCARAWAS 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.



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