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We have reviewed the *Independent Accountant's Report on Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures* of the Village of Mount Eaton, Wayne County, prepared by BHM CPA Group, Inc., for the period January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2022. 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 Mount Eaton is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

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Keith Faber
Auditor of State
Columbus, Ohio

September 06, 2023

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

Village of Mount Eaton
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We have performed the procedures enumerated below on the Village of Mount Eaton's (the Village) receipts, disbursements and balances recorded in the cash basis accounting records for the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021 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, 2022 and 2021 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, 2022 and 2021, 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, 2022 and December 31, 2021 bank reconciliations. We found no exceptions.
2. We agreed the January 1, 2021 beginning fund balances for each fund recorded in the Fund Ledger Report to the December 31, 2020 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, 2022 beginning fund balances for each fund recorded in the Fund Ledger Report to the December 31, 2021 balances in the Fund Summary Report. We found no exceptions.

3. We agreed the 2022 and 2021 bank reconciliation adjusted UAN Balances and Adjusted Bank Balances as of December 31, 2022 and 2021 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 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, 2022 bank reconciliation without exception.
5. We selected five reconciling debits (such as outstanding checks) from the December 31, 2022 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, 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 Confirmation for 2022 and a total of five from 2021:
 - 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 Details 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 Revenue Ledger to determine whether it included two real estate tax receipts for 2022 and 2021. The Revenue Ledger included the proper number of tax receipts for each year. We found no exceptions.
3. We confirmed the individual amounts paid from the Ohio Water Development Authority (OWDA) to the Village during 2021 and 2022 with the OWDA website. We found no exceptions.
 - a. We inspected the Revenue Ledger to determine whether these receipts were allocated to the proper funds. We found no exceptions.
 - b. We inspected the Revenue Ledger to determine whether the receipts were recorded in the proper year. We found no exceptions.

Income Tax Receipts

1. We compared the allocation of income tax receipts for the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021 to the Village's funds according to the allocation requirements of Ordinance No. 11-2015. The allocation agreed with the percentages the Ordinance requires.
2. We selected five income tax returns filed during 2022 and five from 2021.
 - a. We compared the payment amount recorded on the tax return to the amount recorded on the deposit slip. The amounts agreed.
 - b. We compared the cash register tape total from procedure a. to the amount recorded as income tax receipts in the Receipt Detail Report for that date. The amounts agreed.
 - c. We compared the date of the receipts to the date the receipts was posted in the Receipt Detail Report to determine whether the receipts were recorded in the year received. We found no exceptions.

- d. We obtained the original income tax ordinance which set the rate and effective period. The original ordinance was dated 8/8/84. The latest council approved amendment for the engagement period was dated 12/28/15 We agreed the most recent approved rate to the rate used on the income tax return. We found no exceptions.
3. We selected all income tax refunds from 2022 and all from 2021.
 - a. We compared the refund paid from Payment Register Detail Report to the refund amount requested in the tax return. The amounts agreed.
 - b. We observed the approval by the Fiscal Officer and the Village Council on each of the refunds. We found no exceptions.
 - c. We observed the refunds were paid from the General Fund, as is required.

Water and Wastewater Fund

1. We selected 10 Water and Wastewater Fund collection cash receipts from the year ended December 31, 2022 and 10 Water and Wastewater Fund collection cash receipts from the year ended 2021 recorded in the Receipt Detail Report and determined whether the:
 - a. Receipt amount per the customer receipt stub agreed to the amount recorded to the credit of the customer's account in the Customer Usage Report. The amounts agreed.
 - b. Amount charged for the related billing period:
 - i. Agreed with the debit to accounts receivable in the Customer Usage Report for the billing period. We found no exceptions.
 - ii. Complied with rates in force during the engagement period, plus any applicable late penalties, plus unpaid prior billings. We found no exceptions.
 - c. Receipt was posted to the proper funds and was recorded in the year received. We found no exceptions.
2. We observed the Aged Trial Balance.
 - a. This report listed \$24,436 and \$13,753 of accounts receivable as of December 31, 2022 and 2021, respectively.
 - b. Of the total receivables reported in the preceding procedure, \$1,280 and \$1,371 were recorded as more than 90 days delinquent.
3. We observed the Adjustment Billing Journal.
 - a. This report listed a total of \$1,310 and \$2,113 non-cash receipts adjustments for the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021, respectively.
 - b. We selected five non-cash adjustments from 2022 and five non-cash adjustments from 2021, and observed that the Village Administrator and Council approved each adjustment.

Debt

1. From the prior agreed-upon procedures documentation, we observed the following bonds were outstanding as of December 31, 2020. These amounts agreed to the Village's January 1, 2021 balances on the summary we used in procedure 3.

Issue	Principal outstanding as of December 31, 2020:
Sewage System Mortgage Revenue Bonds	\$549,184

2. We inquired of management and inspected the Revenue Ledger and Payment Register Detail Report for evidence of debt issued during 2022 or 2021 or debt payment activity during 2022 or 2021. All debt agreed to the summary we used in procedure 3.
3. We obtained a summary of bonds and loan debt activity for 2022 and 2021 and agreed principal and interest payments from the related debt amortization schedules to the water and wastewater 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 received for 2022 and 2021 from the debt documents to amounts recorded in the Water fund per the Revenue Ledger. The amounts agreed.
5. For new debt issued during 2022 and 2021, we inspected the debt legislation, which stated the Village must use the proceeds to construct a new water well. We inspected the Payment Register Detail Report and observed the Village made payments of \$20,108 in 2021 and \$16,890 in 2022 for the construction of the new water well. The project was still in progress at the end of 2022. We found no exceptions.

Payroll Cash Disbursements

1. We selected one payroll check for five employees from 2022 and one payroll check for five employees from 2021 from the Employee Payroll Register and:
 - a. We compared the hours and pay rate, or salary recorded in the Employee Payroll Register to supporting documentation (timecard, and legislatively or statutorily-approved rate or salary). 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 employees' personnel files. 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, 2022 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 during 2022. 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, 2023	January 31, 2023	\$1,337	\$1,337
State income taxes	January 15, 2023	January 15, 2023	\$255	\$255
Village of Mount Eaton income tax	January 31, 2023	January 31, 2023	\$211	\$211
OPERS retirement	January 31, 2023	January 31, 2023	\$1,075	\$1,075

We found no exceptions.

Non-Payroll Cash Disbursements

1. We selected 10 disbursements from the Payment Register Detail Report for the year ended December 31, 2022 and 10 from the year ended 2021 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 § 5705.41(D). We found no exceptions.

Mayor's Court Transactions and Cash Balances

1. We recalculated the December 31, 2022 and December 31, 2021 bank reconciliations. We found no exceptions.
2. We compared the reconciled cash totals as of December 31, 2022 and December 31, 2021 to the Mayor's Court Fund balance reported in the Fund Status Reports. The balances agreed.
3. We agreed the totals per the bank reconciliations to the total of December 31, 2022 and 2021 listing of unpaid distributions as of each December 31. The amounts agreed.
4. We observed the year-end bank balance on the financial institution's website. The balances agreed. We also agreed the confirmed balances to the amounts appearing in the December 31, 2022 bank reconciliation without exception.
5. We selected five cases from the court cash book and agreed the payee and amount posted to the:
 - a. Duplicate receipt book.
 - b. Docket, including comparing the total fine paid to the judgment issued by the judge (i.e. mayor)
 - c. Case file.The amounts recorded in the cash book, receipts book, docket and case file agreed.
6. From the cash book, we selected one month from the year ended December 31, 2022 and one month from the year ended 2021 and determined whether:
 - a. The monthly sum of fines and costs collected for those months agreed to the amounts reported as remitted to the Village, State, or other applicable government in the following month. We found no exceptions.
 - b. The totals remitted for these two months per the cash book agreed to the returned canceled checks. 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 book.

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, 2022 and 2021 for the General, Street Maintenance & Repair and Water fund as recorded in the Appropriation Status Report. Expenditures did not exceed appropriations.
2. We inspected interfund transfers from 2022 and from 2021 Interfund Transfers Listing 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 Fund Status Report for the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021 for negative cash fund balance. 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. 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. The Village did not have any denied public records requests during the engagement period. 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 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 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 § 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. 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, 2022 and 2021 in the Hinkle system. We found no exceptions.
2. We inquired of the fiscal officer **and/or** 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. Fiscal Officer obtained the required training.

Related Party Transactions

1. We inquired with management and identified the following Related Party Transactions:
 - a. The Village's Administrator, Ryan Miller, was employee of a local contracting company, Miller Roustabout, in 2021 and became president of Miller Roustabout in 2022. During 2021, three checks were written to Miller Roustabout for general repairs and maintenance of facilities totaling \$2,126.56. During 2022, seven checks were written to Miller Roustabout for contracting work and general repairs and maintenance totaling \$13,149.06.We found no exceptions.
2. We confirmed the transactions with the other party. We found no exceptions.
3. We obtained supporting evidence for the Related Party Transactions identified in procedure 1. We found no exceptions.

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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BHM CPA Group, Inc.
Piketon, Ohio
June 30, 2023

OHIO AUDITOR OF STATE KEITH FABER



VILLAGE OF MOUNT EATON

WAYNE 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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