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

Patterson Township Darke County PO Box 178 Osgood, Ohio 45351

We have performed the procedures enumerated below, with which the Board of Trustees and the management of Patterson Township (the Township) 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, 2011 and 2010, 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, 2011 and December 31, 2010 bank reconciliations. We found no exceptions.
- 2. We agreed the January 1, 2010 beginning fund balances recorded in the Statement of Cash Receipts, Disbursements, and changes in Fund Balance to the December 31, 2009 balances in the prior year audited statements. We found no exceptions.
- 3. We agreed the totals per the bank reconciliations to the total of the December 31, 2011 and 2010 fund cash balances reported in the Statement of Cash Receipts, Disbursements, and Changes in Fund Balance. The amounts agreed.
- 4. We confirmed the December 31, 2011 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, 2011 bank reconciliation without exception.
- 5. We selected all the outstanding checks from the December 31, 2011 bank reconciliation:
  - a. We traced each debit to the subsequent January bank statement. We found no exceptions.
  - b. We traced the amounts and dates written 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 2011 and one from 2010:
  - a. We traced the gross receipts from the *Statement* to the amount recorded in the Revenue Ledger. The amount agreed.
  - b. We determined whether the receipt was allocated to the proper fund(s) as required by Ohio Rev. Code Sections 5705.05-.06 and 5705.10. We found no exception.
  - c. We determined whether the receipt was recorded in the proper year. The receipt was recorded in the proper year.
- 2. We scanned the Revenue Ledger to determine whether it included the proper number of tax receipts for 2011 and 2010:
  - a. One personal property tax receipts in 2010 and none in 2011
  - b. Two real estate tax receipts

We noted the Revenue Ledger included the proper number of tax settlement receipts for each year.

- 3. We selected all receipts from the State Distribution Transaction Lists (DTL) from 2011 and all from 2010. We also selected five receipts from the County Auditor's Voucher History from 2011 and five from 2010.
  - a. We compared the amount from the DTL and the County Auditor's Voucher History to the amount recorded in the Revenue Ledger. The amounts agreed.
  - b. We determined whether these receipts were allocated to the proper fund(s). We found no exceptions.
  - c. We determined whether the receipts were recorded in the proper year. We found no exceptions.

#### Debt

- 1. The prior audit report disclosed no debt outstanding as of December 31, 2009.
- 2. We inquired of management, and scanned the Revenue Ledger and Cash Journal for evidence of debt issued during 2011 or 2010 or debt payment activity during 2011 or 2010. We noted no new debt issuances, nor any debt payment activity during 2011 or 2010.

#### Payroll Cash Disbursements

- 1. We haphazardly selected one payroll check for all employees from 2011 and one payroll check for all employees from 2010 from the Appropriation Ledger and:
  - a. We compared the hours and pay rate, or salary recorded in the Voucher to supporting documentation (timecard, legislatively or statutorily-approved rate or salary). No exceptions noted.
  - b. We recomputed gross and net pay and agreed it to the amount recorded in the Voucher. No exceptions noted.
  - c. We determined whether the fund and account code(s) to which the check was posted were reasonable based on the employees' duties as documented in the minute record or as required by statute. We also determined whether the payment was posted to the proper year. No exceptions noted.

#### Payroll Cash Disbursements (Continued)

2. We scanned the last remittance of tax and retirement withholdings for the year ended December 31, 2011 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 2011. We noted the following:

Withholding <u>(</u> plus employer share, where applicable)	Date Due	Date Paid	Amount Due	Amount Paid
Medicare	January 31, 2012	December 12, 2011	\$369	\$369
OPERS retirement	January 30, 2012	December 27, 2011	\$764	\$764

- 3. For the pay periods ended March 31, 2011 and August 29, 2010, we compared documentation and the recomputation supporting the allocation of Board salaries to the General and Gas Tax Funds. We found no exceptions.
- 4. For the pay periods described in the preceding step, we traced Board time or services performed to time or activity sheets. We found no exceptions.

#### Non-Payroll Cash Disbursements

- 1. From the Appropriation Ledger, we re-footed checks recorded as General Fund disbursements for *Public Safety*, and checks recorded as *public works* in the Road and Bridge Fund for 2011. We found no exceptions.
- 2. We haphazardly selected ten disbursements from the Appropriation Ledger for the year ended December 31, 2011 and ten from the year ended 2010 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 Section 5705.41(D). We found no exceptions.

#### **Compliance – Budgetary**

1. We compared the total amounts 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 Ledger for the General, Road & Bridge, and Gas Tax Funds for the years ended December 31, 2011 and 2010. The Township Fiscal Officer did not maintain the revenue ledgers by adjusting the outstanding budgeted revenue as revenue was received. The failure to properly maintain the revenue ledgers does not allow the Trustees to monitor budgeted versus actual information to determine the Township's year to date performance. The Township Fiscal Officer should maintain accurate and up to date revenue ledgers by maintaining the current balance in each account.

#### Compliance – Budgetary (Continued)

- 2. We scanned the appropriation measures adopted for 2011 and 2010 to determine whether, for the General, Gas Tax, and Road & Bridge 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 Ledger for 2011 and 2010 for the following funds: General Fund, Gas Tax, and Motor Vehicle License Tax funds. The amounts on the appropriation resolutions agreed to the amounts recorded in the Appropriation Ledger.
- 4. Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.39 prohibits appropriations from exceeding the certified resources. We compared total appropriations to total certified resources for the General, Gas Tax, and Motor Vehicle License funds for the years ended December 31, 2011 and 2010. We noted no funds for which appropriations exceeded certified resources.
- 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, 2011 and 2010 for the General, Gas Tax, and Motor Vehicle License Funds, as recorded in the Appropriation Ledger. 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 for evidence of new restricted receipts requiring a new fund during December 31, 2011 and 2010. 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 2011 and 2010 Revenue Ledger and Appropriation Ledger for evidence of interfund transfers exceeding \$5,000 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 Ledger 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.

#### **Compliance – Contracts & Expenditures**

- 1. We inquired of management and scanned the Appropriation Ledger for the years ended December 31, 2011 and 2010 for procurements requiring competitive bidding under the following statutes:
  - a. Materials, machinery and tools used in constructing, maintaining and repairing roads and culverts, where costs exceeded \$25,000 (Ohio Rev. Code Section 5549.21)
  - b. Construction and erection of a memorial building or monument costs exceeding \$25,000 (Ohio Rev. Code Section 511.12)
  - c. Equipment for fire protection and communication costs exceeding \$50,000 (Ohio Rev. Code Sections 505.37 to 505.42)
  - d. Street lighting systems or improvement costs exceeding \$25,000 (Ohio Rev. Code Section 515.07)

#### Compliance – Contracts & Expenditures (Continued)

- e. Building modification costs exceeding \$25,000 to achieve energy savings (Ohio Rev. Code Section 505.264)
- f. Private sewage collection tile costs exceeding \$25,000 (Ohio Rev. Code Sections 521.02 to 521.05)
- g. Fire apparatus, mechanical resuscitators, other fire equipment, appliances, materials, fire hydrants, buildings, or fire-alarm communications equipment or service costs exceeding \$50,000 (Ohio Rev. Code Section 505.37(A))
- h. Maintenance and repair of roads exceeding \$45,000 (Ohio Rev. Code Section 5575.01)
- i. Construction or reconstruction of a township road exceeding \$15,000/per mile (Ohio Rev. Code Section 5575.01)

We identified a tractor purchase exceeding \$25,000, subject to Ohio Rev. Code Section 5549.21. For this project we noted that the Board of Trustees advertised the project in a local newspaper, and selected the lowest responsible bidder.

We also identified a road project exceeding \$45,000, subject to Ohio Rev. Code Section 5575.01. For this project we noted that the Board of Trustees advertised the project in a local newspaper, and selected the lowest responsible bidder.

- 2. We inquired of management and scanned the Appropriation Ledger for the years ended December 31, 2011 and 2010 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.
- 3. For the road project described in step 1, we read the contract and noted that it required the contractor to pay prevailing wages to their employees as required by Ohio Rev. Code Sections 4115.04 and 4115.05. The contract included the Ohio Department of Commerce's schedule of prevailing rates.

#### Officials Response:

We did not receive a response from Officials to the exception reported above.

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, and others within the Township, and is not intended to be, and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Jare Yost

Dave Yost Auditor of State

May 1, 2012



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**PATTERSON TOWNSHIP** 

DARKE COUNTY

**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 Babbett

**CLERK OF THE BUREAU** 

CERTIFIED JUNE 5, 2012

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