



***BRUSH CREEK TOWNSHIP, ADAMS COUNTY***

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**Independent Accountant's Report on  
Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures**

**For the Years Ended  
December 31, 2014 and 2013**

**J.L. UHRIG**  
AND ASSOCIATES INC.

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT AND MANAGEMENT CONSULTANTS







# Dave Yost • Auditor of State

Board of Trustees  
Brush Creek Township  
17433 St. Rt. 125  
West Union, OH 45693

We have reviewed the *Independent Accountant's Report on Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures* of Brush Creek Township, Adams County, prepared by J.L. Uhrig and Associates, Inc., for the period January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2014. 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. Brush Creek Township is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

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Dave Yost  
Auditor of State

September 8, 2015

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

Brush Creek Township, Adams County  
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We have performed the procedures enumerated below, with which the Board of Trustees and the management of Brush Creek Township, Adams County, Ohio (the Township) and the Auditor of State 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, 2014 and 2013, 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 and Investments**

1. We tested the mathematical accuracy of the December 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013 bank reconciliations. We found no exceptions.
2. We agreed the January 1, 2013 beginning fund balances recorded in the Cash Journal to the December 31, 2012 balances in the documentation in the prior Agreed-Upon Procedures working papers. We found no exceptions. We also agreed the January 1, 2014 beginning fund balances recorded in the Cash Journal to the December 31, 2013 balances in the Cash Journal. We found no exceptions.
3. We agreed the totals per the bank reconciliations to the total of the December 31, 2014 and 2013 fund cash balances reported in the Cash Journals. The amounts agreed.
4. We confirmed the December 31, 2014 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, 2014 bank reconciliation without exception.

5. We selected five reconciling debits (such as outstanding checks) haphazardly from the December 31, 2014 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 2014 and one from 2013:
  - a. We traced the gross receipts from the Statement to the amount recorded in the Receipt Journal. The amounts agreed.
  - b. We determined whether the receipt was allocated to the proper funds as required by Ohio Rev. Code Sections 5705.05-.06 and 5705.10. We found no exceptions.
  - c. We determined whether the receipt was recorded in the proper year. The receipt was recorded in the proper year.
2. We scanned the Receipt Journal to determine whether it included two real estate tax receipts for 2014 and 2013. We noted the Receipt Journal included the proper number of tax receipts for each year.
3. We selected all receipts from the State Distribution Transaction Lists (DTL) from 2014 and all from 2013. We also selected five receipts from the Adams County Auditor's Vendor Expense Report from 2014 and five from 2013.
  - a. We compared the amount from the DTL and the County report to the amount recorded in the Receipt Journal. The amounts agreed.
  - b. We determined whether these receipts were allocated to the proper funds. We found no exceptions.
  - c. We determined whether the receipts were recorded in the proper year. We found no exceptions.

**Debt**

1. The prior agreed-upon procedures documentation disclosed no debt outstanding as of December 31, 2012.
2. We inquired of management, and scanned the Receipt Journal and Appropriation Ledger for evidence of debt issued during 2014 or 2013 or debt payment activity during 2014 or 2013. We noted no new debt issuances or any debt payment activity during 2014 or 2013.

**Payroll Cash Disbursements**

1. We haphazardly selected one payroll check for five employees from 2014 and one payroll check for five employees from 2013 from the Payroll Register and:
  - a. We compared the hours and pay rate, or salary amount used in computing gross pay to supporting documentation (timecard, legislatively or statutorily-approved rate or salary). We found no exceptions.
  - b. We recomputed gross and net pay and agreed it to the amount recorded in the Appropriation Ledger. We found no exceptions.
  - c. We determined whether the fund and account codes 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. We found no exceptions.
2. We scanned the last remittance of tax and retirement withholdings for the year ended December 31, 2014 to determine whether remittances were timely paid, and that the amounts paid agreed to the amounts withheld, plus the employer's share where applicable, during the final withholding period during 2014. We noted the following:

<b>Withholding</b>	<b>Date Due</b>	<b>Date Paid</b>	<b>Amount Due</b>	<b>Amount Paid</b>
Federal income taxes & Medicare	January 31, 2015	January 6, 2015	\$1,179.59	\$1,179.59
State income taxes	January 31, 2015	January 6, 2015	\$237.44	\$237.44
OPERS retirement (withholding plus employer share)	January 31, 2015	January 2, 2015	\$1,087.72	\$1,087.72

3. We inquired of management and scanned the Payroll Register for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013 to determine if Township employees and/or trustees were reimbursed for out-of-pocket insurance premiums. We noted no such reimbursements.

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

1. From the Appropriation Ledger, we re-footed checks recorded as General Fund disbursements for general government, and checks recorded as public works in the Gas Tax Fund for 2014. We found no exceptions.
2. We haphazardly selected ten disbursements from the Appropriation Ledger for the year ended December 31, 2014 and ten from the year ended 2013 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 Appropriation Ledger 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 estimated receipts from the Amended Official Certificate of Estimated Resources, required by Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.36(A)(1), to the amounts recorded in the Receipt Journal for the General, Motor Vehicle License Tax and Gasoline Tax funds for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013. The amounts on the Certificate agreed to the amounts recorded in the accounting system except for the General Fund in 2014 and the General, Motor Vehicle License Tax, and Gas Tax funds in 2013. The Receipt Journal Summary recorded budgeted (i.e. certified) resources for the General Fund of \$31,135 for 2014. However, the final Amended Official Certificate of Estimated Resources reflected \$33,917. The Receipt Journal Summary recorded budgeted (i.e. certified) resources for the General Fund of \$32,779 for 2013. However, the final Amended Official Certificate of Estimated Resources reflected \$29,542. The Receipt Journal Summary recorded budgeted (i.e. certified) resources for the Motor Vehicle License Tax Fund of \$11,426 for 2013. However, the final Amended Official Certificate of Estimated Resources reflected \$9,803. The Receipt Journal Summary recorded budgeted (i.e. certified) resources for the Gas Tax Fund of \$87,812 for 2013. However, the final Amended Official Certificate of Estimated Resources reflected \$85,193. The fiscal officer should periodically compare amounts recorded in the Receipt Journal to amounts recorded on the Amended Official Certificate of Estimated Resources to assure they agree. If amounts do not agree, the Trustees may be using inaccurate information for budgeting and monitoring purposes.
2. We scanned the appropriation measures adopted for 2014 and 2013 to determine whether, for the General, Motor Vehicle License Tax and Gasoline Tax 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 Section 5705.38 and 5705.40, to the amounts recorded in the Appropriation Ledger for 2014 and 2013 for the following funds: General, Motor Vehicle License Tax and Gasoline Tax funds. The amounts on the appropriation resolutions agreed to the amounts recorded in the Appropriation Ledger.
4. Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.36(A)(5) and 5705.39 prohibits appropriations from exceeding the certified resources. We compared total appropriations to total certified resources for the General, Motor Vehicle License Tax and Gasoline Tax funds for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013. 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, 2014 and 2013 for the General, Motor Vehicle License Tax and Gasoline Tax funds, as recorded in the Appropriation Ledger. We found 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 Receipts Journal for evidence of new restricted receipts requiring a new fund during December 31, 2014 and 2013. 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 2014 and 2013 Receipt Journal and Appropriation Ledger for evidence of interfund transfers exceeding \$500 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.
9. We scanned the Cash Journal by fund for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013 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. We noted no funds having a negative cash fund balance.

#### **Compliance-Contracts & Expenditures**

1. We inquired of management and scanned the Appropriation Ledger for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013 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.

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

*J. L. Uhrig and Associates, Inc.*

J. L. UHRIG AND ASSOCIATES, INC.  
Chillicothe, Ohio

August 3, 2015



# Dave Yost • Auditor of State

**BRUSH CREEK TOWNSHIP**

**ADAMS 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 Babbitt*

**CLERK OF THE BUREAU**

**CERTIFIED  
SEPTEMBER 22, 2015**