





# Mary Taylor, CPA Auditor of State

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

Clark Township Fire District Holmes County 3674 County Road 70 Sugarcreek, Ohio 44681

We have performed the procedures enumerated below, with which the Board of Trustees of Clark Township Fire District, Holmes County, Ohio, (the District) agreed, solely to assist the Board in evaluating certain receipts, disbursements and balances recorded in their cash-basis accounting records for the years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008, 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 attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants' 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 Board. 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, 2009 and December 31, 2008 bank reconciliations. We found no exceptions.
- 2. We agreed the totals per the bank reconciliations to the total of the December 31, 2009 and 2008 fund cash balances reported in the Cash Journal. The amounts agreed.
- 3. We confirmed the December 31, 2009 bank account balances with the District's financial institution. We found no exceptions. We also agreed the confirmed balances to the amounts appearing in the December 31, 2009 bank reconciliation without exception.
- 4. We tested investments held at December 31, 2009 and December 31, 2008 to determine that they:
  - a. Were of a type authorized by Ohio Rev. Code Sections 135.13, 135.14 or 135.144. We found no exceptions.
  - b. Mature within the prescribed time limits noted in Ohio Rev. Code Section 135.13 or 135.14. We noted no exceptions.

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## 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 2009 and one from 2008.
  - a. We traced the amount 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 fund 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 the proper number of tax receipts for 2009 and 2008:
  - a. One personal property tax receipts in 2009
  - b. Two personal property tax receipts in 2008
  - c. Two real estate tax receipts in both 2009 and 2008

We noted the Receipt Journal included the proper number of tax settlement receipts for each year.

- We selected four receipts from the State Distribution Transaction Lists (DTL) from 2009 and four from 2008. We also selected five receipts from the County Auditor's DTLs from 2009 and five from 2008.
  - a. We compared the amount from the County Auditor's DTL to the amount recorded in the Receipt Journal. The amounts agreed.
  - b. We compared the net amount from the State DTL to the gross amount in recorded in the Receipt Journal less the related expense in the Appropriation Ledger. The net amounts agreed.
  - c. We determined whether these receipts were allocated to the proper fund. We found no exceptions.
  - d. We determined whether the receipts were recorded in the proper year. We found no exceptions.

#### Debt

We inquired of management and scanned the Receipt Journal for evidence of new bonded or noted debt issuances during 2009 or 2008. We noted no new debt issuances, nor any previous debt issuances.

#### **Payroll Cash Disbursements**

- 1. We haphazardly selected one payroll check for one employee from 2009 and one payroll check for one employee from 2008 from the Payroll Ledger and determined whether the following information in the employee's personnel file and minute record was consistent with the information used to compute gross and net pay related to this check:
  - a. Name
  - b. Authorized salary or pay rate
  - c. Retirement system participation and payroll withholding
  - d. Federal, State & Local income tax withholding authorization and withholding

We found no exceptions related to the steps above.

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## **Payroll Cash Disbursements (Continued)**

- 2. We tested the checks we selected in step 1, as follows:
  - 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 payroll journal. We found no exceptions.
- 3. We scanned the last remittance of tax and retirement withholdings for the year ended December 31, 2009 to determine whether remittances were timely paid, and that the amounts paid agreed to the amounts withheld during the final withholding period during 2009. We noted the following:

Withholding	Date Due	Date Paid	<b>Amount</b>
Federal income taxes	January 31, 2010	December 14, 2009	\$69.60
State income taxes	January 15, 2010	December 14, 2009	3.84
OPERS retirement (withholding	·		
plus employee share)	January 30, 2010	December 14, 2009	144.00

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

- 1. For the Appropriation Ledger, we refooted checks recorded as General Fund disbursements for *Public Safety*, for 2009. We found no exceptions.
- 2. We agreed total disbursements from the Appropriation Ledger (nonpayroll disbursements) and Payroll Ledger (payroll disbursements) for the years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008 to the total disbursements recorded in the Cash Journal. We found no exceptions.
- 3. We haphazardly selected ten disbursements from the Appropriation Ledger for the year ended December 31, 2009 and ten from the year ended 2008 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 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

- We compared the total from the Certificate of the Total Amount From All Sources Available For Expenditures and Balances, required by Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.36(A)(1), to the amounts recorded in the Receipt Journal for the years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008. The amounts agreed.
- 2. We scanned the appropriation measures adopted for 2009 and 2008 to determine whether 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.

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## Compliance - Budgetary (Continued)

- 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 2009 and 2008. 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 from Step 1 above. We compared total appropriations to total certified resources for the years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008. 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, 2009 and 2008 as recorded in the Appropriation Ledger. We noted no funds for which expenditures exceeded appropriations.
- 6. We inquired of management and scanned the Appropriation Ledger to determine whether the District elected to establish reserve accounts permitted by Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.13. We noted the District did not establish these reserves.

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

1. We inquired of management and scanned the Appropriation Ledger for the years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008 for procurements requiring competitive bidding under the following statutes:

Ohio Rev. Code Sections 505.37 to 505.42 and 731.14 require a fire district to competitively bid purchases of fire apparatus, mechanical resuscitators, other fire equipment, appliances, materials, fire hydrants, buildings, or fire-alarm communications equipment or service costs exceeding \$25,000.

We identified no purchases subject to the aforementioned bidding requirements.

We were not engaged to, and did not conduct an examination, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion on the District'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 and those charged with governance and is not intended to be, and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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#### **CLARK TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT**

#### **HOLMES 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.

**CLERK OF THE BUREAU** 

Susan Babbitt

CERTIFIED APRIL 13, 2010