



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

Village of East Canton Stark County 130 Cedar Street South East Canton, Ohio 44730-1306

We have performed the procedures enumerated below, with which the Village Council and Mayor, and the management of the Village of East Canton (the Village) have agreed, solely to assist the Council and Mayor in evaluating receipts, disbursements and balances recorded in their cash-basis accounting records for the years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011, including mayor's court receipts, disbursements and balances, and certain compliance requirements related to these transactions and balances. Management is responsible for recording transactions; and management, the Mayor, and / or the Council 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, 2012 and December 31, 2011 bank reconciliations. We found no exceptions.
- 2. We agreed the January 1, 2011 beginning fund balances recorded in the Cash Summary by Fund Report to the December 31, 2010 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, 2012 beginning fund balances recorded in the Cash Summary by Fund Report to the December 31, 2011 balances in the Cash Summary by Fund Report. We found no exceptions.
- 3. We agreed the totals per the bank reconciliations to the total of the December 31, 2012 and 2011 fund cash balances reported in the Fund Status Reports. The amounts agreed.
- 4. We confirmed the December 31, 2012 bank account balance with the Village's financial institution. We found no exceptions. We also agreed the confirmed balances to the amounts appearing in the December 31, 2012 bank reconciliation without exception.

# Cash (Continued)

- 5. We selected five reconciling debits (such as outstanding checks) haphazardly from the December 31, 2012 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, 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 2012 and one from 2011:
  - a. We traced the gross receipts from the *Statement* to the amount recorded in the Receipt Register Report. 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. We determined whether the receipt was recorded in the proper year. The receipt was recorded in the proper year.
- 2. We scanned the Receipt Register Report to determine whether it included two real estate tax receipts for 2012 and 2011. We noted the Receipts Register Report included the proper number of tax receipts for each year.
- 3. We selected five receipts from the State Distribution Transaction Lists (DTL) from 2012 and five from 2011. We also selected five receipts from the County Auditor's DTLs from 2012 and five from 2011.
  - a. We compared the amount from the above reports to the amount recorded in the Receipt Register Report. 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.

#### **Income Tax Receipts**

- 1. We selected five income tax returns filed during 2012 and five from 2011.
  - a. We compared the payment amount recorded on the tax return to the amount recorded on the Receipt by Batch Report. The amounts agreed.
  - b. We compared the cash register tape total from step a. to the amount recorded as income tax receipts in the Receipt by Batch Report for that date. The amounts agreed.
- 2. We determined whether the receipts were recorded in the year received. We found no exceptions.
- 3. We selected five income tax refunds from 2012 and five from 2011.
  - 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 noted each of the refunds were approved by the Income Administrator and Fiscal Officer.
  - c. We noted the refunds were paid from the Income Tax Fund, as is required.

# **Over-The-Counter Cash Receipts**

#### Water Fund

- 1. We haphazardly selected 10 Water Fund collection cash receipts from the year ended December 31, 2012 and 10 Water Fund collection cash receipts from the year ended 2011 recorded in the Bill Register Report and determined whether the:
  - a. Receipt amount per the Bill Register Report agreed to the amount recorded to the credit of the customer's account in the System Status Report. The amounts agreed.
  - b. Amount charged for the related billing period:
    - i. Agreed with the debit to accounts receivable in the System Status for the billing period. We found no exceptions.
    - ii. Complied with rates in force during the audit period multiplied by the consumption amount recorded for the billing period, plus any applicable late penalties. We found no exceptions.
  - Receipt was posted to the proper fund, and was recorded in the year received. We found no exceptions.
- 2. We read the System Status Report.
  - a. We noted this report listed \$50,921.74 and \$47,082.38 of accounts receivable as of December 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively.
  - b. Of the total receivables reported in the preceding step, \$5.18 and \$192.62 were recorded as more than 90 days delinquent.
- 3. We read the System Status Report.
  - a. We noted this report listed a total of \$56.55 and \$10.62 non-cash receipts adjustments for the years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively.
  - b. We selected five non-cash adjustments from 2012 and five non-cash adjustments from 2011, and noted that the Utilities Clerk and Fiscal Officer approved each adjustment.

#### **Debt**

1. From the prior agreed-upon procedures documentation, we noted the following loans outstanding as of December 31, 2012. These amounts agreed to the Villages January 1, 2011 balances on the summary we used in step 3.

| Issue                                 | Principal outstanding as of December 31, 2010: |  |
|---------------------------------------|--|--|
| Ohio Water Development Authority Loan | \$101,354.20                                   |  |
| Ohio Public Works Commission Loans    | \$400,236.29                                   |  |

- We inquired of management, and scanned the Receipt Register Report and Payment Register Detail Report for evidence of debt issued during 2012 or 2011 or debt payment activity during 2012 or 2011. All debt noted agreed to the summary we used in step 3.
- 3. We obtained a summary of loan debt activity for 2012 and 2011 and agreed principal and interest payments from the related debt amortization schedule(s) to the Water Reserve Nassua Waterline Replacement Fund and Street Construction Maintenance Repair 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.

### **Payroll Cash Disbursements**

- 1. We haphazardly selected one payroll check for five employees from 2012 and one payroll check for five employees from 2011 from the Employee Detail Adjustment Report and:
  - a. We compared the hours and pay rate, or salary recorded in the Employee Detail Adjustment Report to supporting documentation (timecard, legislatively or statutorily-approved rate or salary). We found no exceptions.
  - b. 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 employees' personnel files. We also determined whether the payment was posted to the proper year. We found no exceptions.
- 2. For any new employees selected in step 1 we determined whether the following information in the employees' personnel files 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. Department(s) and fund(s) to which the check should be charged
  - d. Retirement system participation and payroll withholding
  - e. Federal, State & Local income tax withholding authorization and withholding.
  - f. Any other deduction authorizations (deferred compensation, etc.)

We found no exceptions related to steps a. – f. above.

3. We scanned the last remittance of tax and retirement withholdings for the year ended December 31, 2012 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 during 2012. We noted the following:

| Withholding<br>(plus employer<br>share, where<br>applicable) | Date Due            | Date Paid | Amount<br>Due | Amount Paid |
|--|---------------------|-----------|---------------|-------------|
| Federal income taxes & Medicare                              | January 31,<br>2013 | 12/24/12  | \$8,416.67    | \$8,416.87  |
| State income taxes   | January 15,<br>2013 | 1/25/13   | 7,860.01      | 7,860.01    |
| Village of East<br>Canton income<br>taxes                    | January 31,<br>2013 | 12/20/12  | 401.07        | 401.07      |
| OPERS retirement   | January 30,<br>2013 | 1/2/13    | 2,964.27      | 2,964.27    |
| OP&F retirement  | January 31,<br>2013 | 12/20/12  | 1,588.28      | 1,588.28    |

# **Payroll Cash Disbursements (Continued)**

- 4. We haphazardly selected and recomputed one termination payment (unused vacation, etc.) using the following information, and agreed the computation to the amount paid as recorded in the Employee Detail Adjustment Report:
  - a. Accumulated leave records
  - b. The employee's pay rate in effect as of the termination date
  - c. The Village's payout policy.

The amount paid was consistent with the information recorded in a. through c. above.

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

- 1. We haphazardly selected ten disbursements from the Payment Register Detail Report for the year ended December 31, 2012 and ten from the year ended 2011 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 Section 5705.41(D). We found three instances where the certification date was after the vendor invoice date, and there was also no evidence that a *Then and Now Certificate* was issued. Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.41(D) requires certifying at the time of a commitment, which should be on or before the invoice date, unless a *Then and Now Certificate* is used. Because we did not test all disbursements requiring certification, our report provides no assurance whether or not additional similar errors occurred.

### **Mayors Court Transactions**

- 1. We haphazardly 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.

- 2. From the cash book, we haphazardly selected one month from the year ended December 31, 2011 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. 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 Revenue Status Report for the General, Street Construction Maintenance and Repair and Water Operating funds for the years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011 for the General, Street Construction, Maintenance and Repair, and Water Operating funds. The amounts on the *Certificate* agreed to the amount recorded in the accounting system, except for the Water Operating Fund. The Revenue Status Report recorded budgeted (i.e. certified) resources for the Water Operating Fund of \$258,861.53 and \$263,288.09 for 2012 and 2011, respectively. However, the final *Amended Official Certificate of Estimated Resources* reflected \$287,932.90 and \$292,713.10, respectively. The fiscal officer should periodically compare amounts recorded in the Revenue Status Report to amounts recorded on the *Amended Official Certificate of Estimated Resources* to assure they agree. If the amounts do not agree, the Council may be using inaccurate information for budgeting and to monitor spending.
- 2. We scanned the appropriation measures adopted for 2012 and 2011 to determine whether, for the General, Street Construction, Maintenance and Repair, and Water Operating funds, the Council 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 Status Report for 2012 and 2011 for the following funds: General, Street Construction, Maintenance and Repair, and Water Operating funds. The amounts on the appropriation resolutions agreed to the amounts recorded in the Appropriation Status report.
- 4. Ohio Rev. Code Sections 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, Street Construction, Maintenance and Repair, and Water Operating funds for the years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011. 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, 2012 and 2011 for the General, Street Construction, Maintenance and Repair, and Water Operating funds, as recorded in the Appropriation Status Report. 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 Receipt Register Report for evidence of new restricted receipts requiring a new fund during December 31, 2012 and 2011. We also inquired of management regarding whether the Village received new restricted receipts. We noted no evidence of new restricted receipts for which Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.09 would require the Village to establish a new fund.
- 7. We scanned the 2012 and 2011 Revenue Status Reports and Appropriation Status Reports for evidence of all interfund transfers 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.

# **Compliance – Budgetary (Continued)**

8. We inquired of management and scanned the Appropriation Status Reports to determine whether the Village elected to establish reserve accounts permitted by Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.13. We noted the Village did not establish these reserves.

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

**Dave Yost** Auditor of State

May 1, 2013





#### **VILLAGE OF EAST CANTON**

#### **STARK 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 MAY 23, 2013