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Ohio Rev. Code § 5705.41(D)(1) provides that no orders or contracts involving the	
expenditure of money are to be made unless there is attached thereto a certificate of the Fiscal Officer certifying that the amount required meet the obligation or, the case of	
continuing contract to be performed in whole or in part in an ensuing fiscal year, the	
amount required to meet the obligation in the fiscal year in which the contract is made has been lawfully appropriated and is in the treasury or in the process of collection to	
the credit of an appropriate fund free from any previous encumbrances. Every such contract made without such a certificate shall be void and no warrant shall be issued in	
payment of any amount due thereon.	

Ohio Rev. Code § 5705.41(B) prohibits a subdivision or taxing authority unit from making any expenditure of money unless it has been appropriated in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code.

Due to inadequate policies and procedures in approving and reviewing budget versus actual information, the Township's General, Motor Vehicle License Tax, Gasoline Tax, Road and Bridge, and Cemetery Funds had expenditures in excess of appropriations of \$38,385, \$10,000, \$97,408, \$84,021, and \$324, respectively, as of December 31, 2021.

Due to inadequate policies and procedures in approving and reviewing budget versus actual information, the Township's General, Motor Vehicle License Tax, Gasoline Tax, Road and Bridge, and Permissive Motor Vehicle License Tax Funds had expenditures in excess of appropriations of \$81,017, \$15,654, \$166,795, \$21,448 and \$12,000, respectively, as of December 31, 2020.

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Common Noncompliance Citation

• Ohio Revised Code §5705.39 states that total appropriations from each fund shall not exceed the total of the estimated revenue available for expenditure therefrom, as certified by the budget commission, or in case of appeal, by the board of tax appeals.

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Common Noncompliance Citation

Ohio Rev. Code § 5705.38(A) requires on or about the first day of each fiscal year, an appropriation measure is to be passed. If the taxing authority wants to postpone the passage of the annual appropriation measure until an amended certificate is received from the county budget commission based upon the actual year end balances, it may pass a temporary appropriation measure for meeting the ordinary expenses of the taxing unit until no later than the first day of April.

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Ohio Rev. Code § 5705.36(A)(1) provides, in part, on or about the first day of each fiscal year, the fiscal officer of each subdivision and other taxing unit shall certify to the county auditor the total amount from all sources available for expenditures from each fund set up in the tax budget or, if adoption of a tax budget was waived under section 5705.281 of the Revised Code, from each fund created by or on behalf of the taxing authority.

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Common Noncompliance Citation

Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.36(A)(3) states upon a determination by the fiscal officer of a subdivision that the revenue to be collected by the subdivision will be greater than the amount included in an official certificate and the legislative authority intends to appropriate and expend the excess revenue, the fiscal officer shall certify the amount of the excess to the commission, and if the commission determines that the fiscal officer's certification is reasonable, the commission shall certify an amended official certificate reflecting the excess.

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Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.36(A)(4) states upon a determination by the fiscal officer of a subdivision that the revenue to be collected by the subdivision will be less than the amount included in an official certificate and that the amount of the deficiency will reduce available resources below the level of current appropriations, the fiscal officer shall certify the amount of the deficiency to the commission, and the commission shall certify an amended certificate reflecting the deficiency.

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Common Internal Control Deficiencies

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Common Internal Control Deficiencies	
The Township did not have a Disaster Recovery Plan in place to recover from a	
disaster which impacts their data processing capabilities.	
A Disaster Recovery Plan should be developed, documented, tested and maintained. This plan should identify arrangements for contingency data processing on compatible hardware and software; key individuals to be contacted and their role in the recovery;	
and the location of backup data and source documents. Several copies of this plan should be kept off-site in the event that the on-site copies are destroyed during a disaster. In addition, the plan should be updated and tested periodically to ensure that it is current.	
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Common Internal Control Deficiencies	
The Township's bank balances should be reconciled on a monthly basis, shortly after month	
end. Further, the bank reconciliations along with the supporting documentation should be submitted to the Township Trustees for review and approval at the meeting date following	
month end. In 2023 and 2022, the Township was not able to reconcile their balances due to numerous	
outstanding checks and deposits in transit already cleared in the prior years or needed to be voided. The Township hired an outside consultant to assist with uncovering these errors and	
posting to them to the Township's system. Furthermore, the Township was unable to provide support for certain investment accounts, which were included as part of the monthly reconciliation. This led to a qualification of opinion for 2023 and 2022.	
Not providing the Township Trustees with timely and accurate monthly reconciliations results in the Township Trustees relying on misrepresentation in which they base their decisions.	
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Common Internal Control Deficiencies	
In our audit engagement letter, as required by AU-C Section 210, Terms of Engagement, paragraph .06, management acknowledged its responsibility for the	
preparation and fair presentation of their financial statements; this responsibility includes designing, implementing and maintaining internal control relevant to preparing	
and fairly presenting financial statements free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error as discussed in AU-C Section 210 paragraphs .A14 & .A16.	

Common Internal Control Deficiencies	
Ohio Admin. Code § 117-2-02-(C) (1) requires all local public offices to integrate the budgetary accounts, at the legal level of control or lower, into the financial accounting system in order to effectively maintain the accounting and budgetary records. This means designing an accounting system to provide ongoing and timely information of appropriations. The Township did not have a control procedure in place to ensure that appropriations, as authorized by the Board and the County Auditor, were reconciled to the appropriations posted to the accounting system for both 2023 and 2022. This resulted in incorrect amounts being posted to the accounting system and information available to Township officials to monitor year-to-date total comparison of budgeted amounts versus actual amounts was not accurate. The budgetary footnote reflects all adjustments.	
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Common Internal Control Deficiencies

When designing the public office's system of internal control and the specific control activities, management should consider ensuring that all transactions are properly authorized in accordance with management's policies, ensuring accounting records are properly designed, planning for adequate segregation of duties or compensating controls, verifying the existence and valuation of fund balances and periodically reconciling them to the accounting records, and performing analytical procedures to determine the reasonableness of financial data.

Due to a small staff, the Fiscal Officer receives various payments to the Township, prepares the Township deposits, records receipt (deposit) information into the Township accounting system, transports the Township bank deposits to the designated depository, and reconciles the Township accounting system to the bank statement monthly. The Fiscal Officer also receives Township bills, writes and signs checks, mails all payments, and handles all payroll information.

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Common Noncompliance Citation

26 U.S.C. \S 3403 states that the employer shall be liable for the payment of the tax required to be deducted and withheld under this chapter and shall not be liable to any person for the amount of any such payment.

State ex rel. McClure v. Hagerman 155 Ohio St. 320 (1951) provides that expenditures made by a governmental unit should serve a public purpose. Typically, the determination of "proper public purpose" rests with the judgment of the governmental entity, unless such determination is arbitrary or unreasonable.

governmental entity, unless such determination is arbitrary or unreasonator. Further, Auditor of State Bulletin 2003-005 states, in part, that governmental entities may not make expenditures of public monies unless they are for a valid public purpose and the Auditor of State's Office will only question expenditures where the legislative determination of a proper public purpose is manifestly arbitrary and incorrect.

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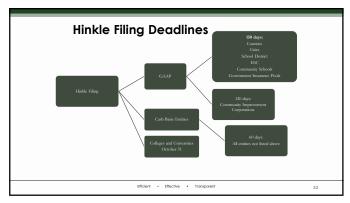
Common Noncompliance Citation

Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 states, in part, cash-basis entities must file annual reports with the Auditor of State within 60 days of the fiscal year end. The Auditor of State may prescribe by rule or guidelines the forms for these reports. However, if the Auditor of State has not prescribed a reporting form, the public office shall submit its report on the form used by the public office. The report shall contain the amount of: (A) receipts, and amounts due from each source; (B) expenditures for each purpose; (C) income of any public service industry that the entity owns or operates, as well as the costs of ownership or operation; and (D) public debt of each taxing district, the purpose of the debt, and how the debt will be repaid. Also, the public office must publish notice in a local newspaper stating the financial report is available for public inspection at the office of the chief fiscal officer.

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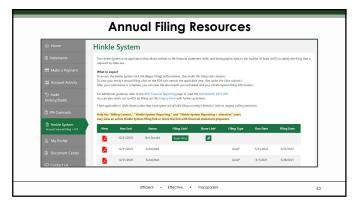












Ohio Rev. Code § 5705.10(D) provides in part that all revenue derived from a source other than the general property tax and which the law prescribes shall be used for a particular purpose, shall be paid into a special fund for such purpose.

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