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TO: THE OFFICIALS OF HETH TOWNSHIP, HARRISON COUNTY, INDIANA

As authorized under Indiana Code 5-11-1, we performed certain procedures to the accounting records and related documents of Heth Township (Township), for the period of January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2013, to determine compliance with applicable Indiana laws and uniform compliance guidelines established by the Indiana State Board of Accounts.

Our procedures were designed solely to satisfy the requirements of Indiana Code 5-11-1. Because our procedures were not designed to opine on the Township's financial statements, we did not follow *generally accepted auditing standards*. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on any basic financial statement of the Township.

Management is responsible for preparing and maintaining its accounting records and related documents, as well as compliance with applicable state laws and uniform compliance guidelines established by the Indiana State Board of Accounts.

The Township's Annual Financial Reports filed for years prior to 2011 can be found on the Indiana Transparency Portal website: www.in.gov/itp/annual_reports/. For years 2011 and later, the Annual Financial Reports filed by the Township can be found on the Gateway website: https://gateway.ifionline.org/.

The Comments contained herein describe the identified reportable instances of noncompliance found as a result of the procedures we performed. Our procedures were not designed to identify all instances of noncompliance; therefore, noncompliance may exist that is unidentified.

Current Period Comments

- Depository reconciliations of the fund balances to the bank account balances were not presented for review for most of the months during the period January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2013.
- The financial institution did not return the actual cancelled checks with the monthly bank statements, but instead returned only an optical image of the front side of the checks. The back side or endorsement side of the checks was not returned.
- The records presented for review showed Riverboat fund disbursements of \$2,495 and \$2,880, for 2010 and 2011, respectively, were expended without obtaining an appropriation approved by the Township Board. The records presented for review, also, showed disbursements in excess of approved appropriations for the Riverboat fund in the amount of \$3,288 for the year 2012.

- The Township did not adopt a resolution establishing salaries of Township officers and employees.
- Payments made for mowing services were not supported by a written contract.
- Each elected officer did not certify in writing that the officer had not violated Indiana Code 36-1-20.2 (Nepotism) by December 31, 2012, and December 31, 2013.
- Each elected officer did not certify in writing that the officer had not violated Indiana Code 36-1-21 (Contracting With a Unit) by December 31, 2012, and December 31, 2013.

This letter is intended for the information and use of the governing body and management of the Township. This restriction is not intended to limit the distribution of this letter, which is a matter of public record.

The contents of this letter were discussed on May 20, 2014, with Teresa Eschbacher, Trustee.

Paul D. Joyce, CPA State Examiner