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TO: THE OFFICIALS OF JACKSON TOWNSHIP, DEARBORN COUNTY, INDIANA

As authorized under Indiana Code 5-11-1, we performed certain procedures to the accounting records and related documents of Jackson 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: <u>www.in.gov/itp/annual_reports/</u>. For years 2011 and later, the Annual Financial Reports filed by the Township can be found on the Gateway website: <u>https://gateway.ifionline.org/</u>.

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.

Unresolved Comments From Prior Report

- The Township did not adopt a resolution establishing salaries of Township officers and employees for 2010, 2011, 2012, and 2013. Resolution Establishing Salaries of Township Officers and Employees (Form 17) has been prescribed for this purpose.
- The Township Board members were paid without the Township withholding federal, state, and local taxes and no W-2 forms were presented for review showing that compensation paid to Board members was reported to the Internal Revenue Service for the entire review period.

Current Period Comments

The records presented for review showed the following disbursements in excess of budgeted • appropriations:

		Excess Amount		
Years	Fund		Disbursed	
2010 2011	Township Assistance Fire Fighting	\$	1,529.34 1,447.57	

- We observed that payroll taxes were being withheld and remitted to the Internal Revenue . Services and the Indiana Department of Revenue; however, the amounts withheld and remitted could not be verified because the Employer's Quarterly Federal Tax Returns (Form 941) were not presented for review.
- The Township did not present a Nepotism Policy for 2012 or 2013. •
- 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 2013.
- The Township did not have a Contracting Policy for 2012 or 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 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 June 25, 2014, with Ernest F. Hoog, Trustee.

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