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TO: THE OFFICIALS OF MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP, JENNINGS COUNTY, INDIANA

As authorized under Indiana Code 5-11-1, we performed certain procedures to the accounting records and related documents of Montgomery 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

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

			Excess Amount	
Year	Fund	Dis	Disbursed	
2013	Fire	\$	1,500	

 The Certified Reports of Names, Addresses, Duties and Compensation of Public Employees (Form 100-R or its equivalent) was inaccurate for 2012. The Trustee's total compensation was listed as \$5,000, but the Trustee was actually paid \$3,600. Also for 2012, the Clerk was paid \$900 but was not listed on the Form 100-R.

- The Trustee's Surety Bond was insufficient per the Indiana Code for 2011, 2012, and 2013. Each year's Surety Bond was only in the amount of \$15,000 instead of the \$30,000 required.
- 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 April 22, 2014, with Larry Short, Trustee.

Paul D. Joyce, CPA State Examiner