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TO: THE OFFICIALS OF THE MONROE TOWNSHIP, JEFFERSON COUNTY, INDIANA

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

Current Period Comments

- 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.
- Resolutions establishing salaries of Township officers and employees were not presented for review for 2010, 2011, 2012, and 2013. Form 17 (Resolution Establishing Salaries of Township Officers and Employees) has been prescribed for this purpose.
- Five Township Assistance payments were made without an Application for Township Assistance on file. Four of the five assistance payments were made without adequate supporting documentation, such as receipts, invoices, and other public records, being presented.
- Township Assistance Standards were not established in accordance with Indiana Code 12-20-5.5-1.

- The Township did not have the required meeting to organize and elect its Chairman and Secretary in accordance with Indiana Code 36-6-6-9 for 2010, 2011, 2012, and 2013.
- No documentation was presented for review showing that the Trustee obtained a faithful performance bond for the year 2013 as required by Indiana Code 5-4-1-18.
- The Township did not have 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 December 31, 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 December 31, 2013.
- The Township did not timely file a Certified Reports of Names, Addresses, Duties and Compensation of Public Employees (Form 100-R or its equivalent) with the Indiana State Board of Accounts for 2010 and 2011. The report was filed on November 27, 2011, and July 27, 2012, which is 300 days and 177 days past the due date, respectively.

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 January 5, 2015, with Alva Duncan, former Trustee, and Richard R. Ray, Trustee.

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