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## TO: THE OFFICIALS OF OTSEGO TOWNSHIP, STEUBEN COUNTY, INDIANA

As authorized under Indiana Code 5-11-1, we performed certain procedures to the accounting records and related documents of Otsego Township (Township), for the period of January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2015, 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 statement, we did not follow auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. 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 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 Comment From Prior Report**

• The Trustee was not properly bonded for 2012 through 2015. The Trustee's Surety Bond was insufficient per the statute.

## **Current Period Comments**

- In 2015, disbursements exceeded budgeted appropriations by \$1,000 for the Recreation Fund.
- Certain payments made for cemetery care in 2012 through 2015 were not supported by written contracts.

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 March 15, 2016, with Diana Kim Kepler, Trustee. Any Official Response attached to this letter was not verified for accuracy.

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