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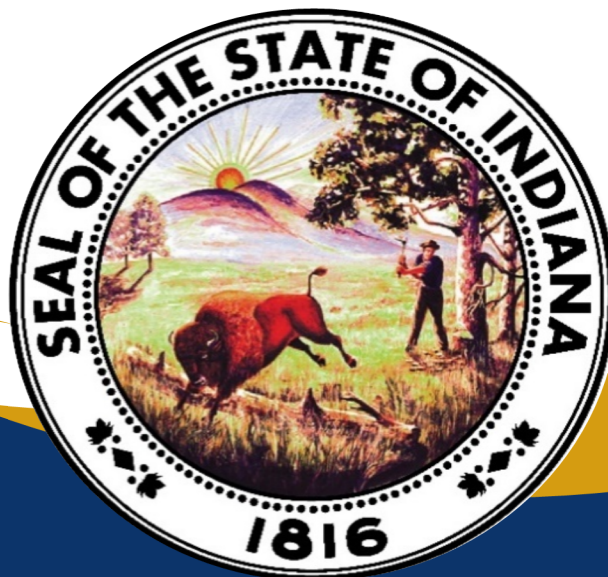
COMPLIANCE EXAMINATION REPORT

OF

CITY OF AUBURN

DEKALB COUNTY, INDIANA

January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2023



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To: The Officials of the City of Auburn
City of Auburn
DeKalb County, Indiana

This report is supplemental to the audit report of the City of Auburn (City), for the period from January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2023. It has been provided as a separate report so that the reader may easily identify any findings that pertain to the City. It should be read in conjunction with the financial statement audit report of the City, which provides an opinion on the City's financial statements. This report may be found at www.in.gov/sboa/.

As authorized under Indiana Code 5-11-1, we engaged private examiners under our review to perform the audit of the City and perform procedures to determine compliance with applicable Indiana laws and uniform compliance guidelines established by the Indiana State Board of Accounts. The finding contained herein describes the identified reportable instance of noncompliance found as a result of these procedures.

We have reviewed the supplemental report of City of Auburn prepared by Crowe LLP, Independent Public Accountants, for the period January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2023. In our opinion, the supplemental report was prepared in accordance with the guidelines established by the Indiana State Board of Accounts.

We call your attention to the finding in the report on page 3.

The report is filed with this letter in our office as a matter of public record.

Tammy R. White, CPA
Deputy State Examiner

CITY OF AUBURN

DeKalb County, Indiana
January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2023

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CITY OF AUBURN
SCHEDULE OF OFFICIALS
January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2023

<u>Office</u>	<u>Official</u>	<u>Term</u>
Mayor	Michael Ley	01-01-22 to 12-31-23
President Pro Tempore of the Common Council	Dennis Kruse II Natalie DeWitt	01-01-22 to 12-31-22 01-01-23 to 12-31-23
President of the Board of Public Works and Safety	Michael Ley	01-01-22 to 12-31-23
Superintendent of Water Utility	Randy Harvey	01-01-22 to 12-31-23
Superintendent of Wastewater Utility	Todd Sattison	01-01-22 to 12-31-23
Superintendent of Electric Utility	Robert Higgins Vacant Stuart Tuttle	01-01-22 to 05-13-22 05-14-22 to 05-15-22 05-16-22 to 12-31-23
Superintendent of Essential Services Utility	Robert Higgins Susan Geyer	01-01-22 to 04-02-22 04-03-22 to 12-31-23
Clerk-Treasurer	Patricia Miller	01-01-22 to 12-31-23

INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

To the Indiana State Board of Accounts and
Management of the City of Auburn

We have examined the City of Auburn's ("City") compliance with the Indiana State Board of Accounts' *Accounting and Uniform Compliance Guidelines Manual For Cities and Towns* during the period January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2023. Management of the City is responsible for the City's compliance with the specified requirements. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the City's compliance with the specified requirements based on our examination.

Our examination was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Those standards require that we plan and perform the examination to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the City complied, in all material respects, with the specified requirements referenced above. An examination involves performing procedures to obtain evidence about whether the City complied with the specified requirements. The nature, timing, and extent of the procedures selected depend on our judgment, including an assessment of the risks of material noncompliance, whether due to fraud or error. We believe that the evidence we obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a reasonable basis for our qualified opinion.

We are required to be independent and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with relevant ethical requirements relating to the engagement.

Our examination does not provide a legal determination on the City's compliance with specified requirements.

Our examination disclosed material noncompliance with the *Accounting and Uniform Compliance Guidelines Manual for Cities and Towns* applicable to the City during the period January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2023, as described in item 2023-001 on the following Schedule of Examination Findings and Results.

In our opinion, except for the material noncompliance described in the preceding paragraph, the City complied, in all material respects, with the aforementioned requirements during the period January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2023.

Crowe LLP
Crowe LLP

Indianapolis, Indiana
December 23, 2024

CITY OF AUBURN
SCHEDULE OF EXAMINATION FINDINGS AND RESULTS
January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2023

FINDING 2023-001: SCHEDULES IN ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT – OTHER INFORMATION

Criteria: The Annual Financial Report (AFR) required under IC 5-11-1-4(a) shall be filed with the state examiner not later than sixty (60) days after the close of each fiscal year. (Accounting and Uniform Guidelines Compliance Manual for Cities and Towns, Chapter 1)

Condition: Financial and other information are required to be entered annually into the Annual Financial Report (AFR) via the Indiana Gateway for Government Units (Gateway) financial reporting system. The information entered into Gateway contained the following errors:

Schedule of Leases and Debt

- Wastewater Revenue Bonds ending principal balance was understated by \$105,000 and the principal due within one year was understated by \$10,000
- Water Works Revenue Bonds principal due within one year was understated by \$240,000
- Electric Notes Payable ending principal balance was understated by \$10,000

The schedule has been updated in the financial statement.

CITY OF AUBURN
EXIT CONFERENCE
January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2023

The contents of this report were discussed December 20, 2024, with Lorrie Pontius, Clerk-Treasurer, Natalie DeWitt, President Pro Tempore of the Common Council, and Jenna Rosenbury, Deputy Clerk.