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SUPPLEMENTAL COMPLIANCE REPORT

OF

TOWN OF SIDNEY

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY, INDIANA

January 1, 2011 to December 31, 2014

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TO: THE OFFICIALS OF THE TOWN OF SIDNEY, KOSCIUSKO COUNTY, INDIANA

This report is supplemental to our examination report of the Town of Sidney (Town), for the period from January 1, 2011 to December 31, 2014. It has been provided as a separate report so that the reader may easily identify any Examination Results and Comments that pertain to the Town. It should be read in conjunction with our Financial Statements Examination Report of the Town, which provides our opinion on the Town's financial statements. This report may be found at www.in.gov/sboa/.

As authorized under Indiana Code 5-11-1, we performed procedures to determine compliance with applicable Indiana laws and uniform compliance guidelines established by the Indiana State Board of Accounts. The Examination Results and Comments contained herein describe the identified reportable instances of noncompliance found as a result of these procedures. Our tests were not designed to identify all instances of noncompliance; therefore, noncompliance may exist that is unidentified.

Paul D. Joyce, CPA
State Examiner

July 16, 2015
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ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

The Annual Financial Report for 2014 contained a number of errors and did not properly reflect the financial activity of the Town. The errors noted were in the Wastewater Utility Operating and Wastewater Utility Bond And Interest funds.

Indiana Code 5-11-1-4(a) states:

“The state examiner shall require from every municipality and every state or local governmental unit, entity, or instrumentality financial reports covering the full period of each fiscal year. These reports shall be prepared, verified, and filed with the state examiner not later than sixty (60) days after the close of each fiscal year. The reports must be in the form and content prescribed by the state examiner and filed electronically in the manner prescribed under IC 5-14-3.8-7.”

ERRORS ON CLAIMS

A test of claims identified the following deficiencies with an error rate greater than 10 percent:

Claims were not presented for 15 percent of disbursements tested. This error resulted in $276 of expenditures which were not supported by a proper claim.

Indiana Code 5-11-10-1.6 states in part:

“(b) As used in this section, 'claim' means a bill or an invoice submitted to a governmental entity for goods or services.

(c) The fiscal officer of a governmental entity may not draw a warrant or check for payment of a claim unless:
(1) there is a fully itemized invoice or bill for the claim;

(2) the invoice or bill is approved by the officer or person receiving the goods and services;

(3) the invoice or bill is filed with the governmental entity's fiscal officer;

(4) the fiscal officer audits and certifies before payment that the invoice or bill is true and correct; and

(5) payment of the claim is allowed by the governmental entity's legislative body or the board or official having jurisdiction over allowance of payment of the claim."

**SALARY ORDINANCES**

Salary ordinances for 2011, 2012, and 2013 were not presented for examination. Total compensation paid for those years was $21,275, $24,560, and $25,430, respectively. The 2014 salary ordinance did not include compensation paid from the Wastewater Utility. The compensation paid from the Wastewater Utility was $21,140.

Indiana Code 36-5-3-2(b) states:

"The town legislative body shall, by ordinance, fix the compensation of its own members, the town clerk-treasurer, and the town marshal. The legislative body shall provide reasonable compensation for other town officers and employees."

All compensation and benefits paid to officials and employees must be included in the labor contract, salary ordinance, resolution or salary schedule adopted by the governing body unless otherwise authorized by statute. Compensation should be made in a manner that will facilitate compliance with state and federal reporting requirements. (Accounting and Uniform Compliance Guidelines Manual for Cities and Towns, Chapter 7)
The contents of this report were discussed on July 16, 2015, with Lana Wolfe, Clerk-Treasurer.