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SUPPLEMENTAL COMPLIANCE REPORT

OF

TOWN OF SHARPSVILLE

TIPTON COUNTY, INDIANA

January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2016



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SCHEDULE OF OFFICIALS

<u>Office</u>	<u>Official</u>	<u>Term</u>
Clerk-Treasurer	Berniece J. Farris	01-01-12 to 12-31-19
President of the Town Council	William White, Jr. Robert Rupe Linda Smeltzer William White, Jr. Linda Smeltzer	01-01-12 to 12-31-12 01-01-13 to 12-31-13 01-01-14 to 12-31-14 01-01-15 to 12-31-16 01-01-17 to 12-31-17
Town Court Judge	Evelyn R. Hollman	01-01-12 to 12-31-17



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TO: THE OFFICIALS OF THE TOWN OF SHARPSVILLE, TIPTON COUNTY, INDIANA

This report is supplemental to our examination report of the Town of Sharpsville (Town), for the period from January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2016. 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/](http://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 Result and Comment contained herein describe the identified reportable instance 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.

Any Official Response to the Examination Result and Comment, incorporated within this report, was not verified for accuracy.

*Paul D. Joyce*  
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State Examiner

August 22, 2017

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EXAMINATION RESULT AND COMMENT

***INTERNAL CONTROLS OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING***

The Town did not have an effective internal control system over financial reporting. The Clerk-Treasurer independently input and submitted financial information into the Indiana Gateway for Government Units (Gateway), which is a financial reporting system and the source of the Annual Financial Reports (AFR) and financial statements. There were no controls in place, such as an oversight, review, or approval process to ensure the accuracy of the financial information prior to submission in Gateway.

The Indiana State Board of Accounts (SBOA) is required under Indiana Code 5-11-1-27(e) to define the acceptable minimum level of internal control standards. To provide clarifying guidance, the State Examiner compiled the standards contained in the manual, *Uniform Internal Control Standards for Indiana Political Subdivisions*. All political subdivisions subject to audit by SBOA are expected to adhere to these standards. The standards include adequate control activities. According to this manual:

"Control activities are the actions and tools established through policies and procedures that help to detect, prevent, or reduce the identified risks that interfere with the achievement of objectives. Detection activities are designed to identify unfavorable events in a timely manner whereas prevention activities are designed to deter the occurrence of an unfavorable event. Examples of these activities include reconciliations, authorizations, approval processes, performance reviews, and verification processes.

An integral part of the control activity component is segregation of duties. . . .

There is an expectation of segregation of duties. If compensating controls are necessary, documentation should exist to identify both the areas where segregation of duties are not feasible or practical and the compensating controls implemented to mitigate the risk. . . ."

CLERK-TREASURER  
TOWN OF SHARPSVILLE  
EXIT CONFERENCE

The contents of this report were discussed on August 22, 2017, with Linda Smeltzer, President of the Town Council, and Berniece J. Farris, Clerk-Treasurer.