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COMPLIANCE REPORT

OF

HOBART TOWNSHIP

LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA

January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2016



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SCHEDULE OF OFFICIALS

<u>Office</u>	<u>Official</u>	<u>Term</u>
Trustee	Thomas Silich	01-01-11 to 12-31-18
Chairman of the Township Board	Michael Ellis	01-01-13 to 12-31-17



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TO: THE OFFICIALS OF HOBART TOWNSHIP, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA

As authorized under Indiana Code 5-11-1, we performed certain procedures to the accounting records and related documents of Hobart Township (Township), Lake County, for the period January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2016, to determine compliance with applicable Indiana laws and uniform compliance guidelines established by the Indiana State Board of Accounts.

The 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.

Any Official Response to the Results and Comments, incorporated within this report, was not verified for accuracy.

The Township Annual Financial Reports filed by the Township can be found on the Gateway website: <https://gateway.ifionline.org/>.

*Paul D. Joyce*  
Paul D. Joyce, CPA  
State Examiner

December 14, 2017

HOBART TOWNSHIP, LAKE COUNTY  
RESULTS AND COMMENTS

**TOWNSHIP ASSISTANCE STANDARDS**

The Township established Township Assistance Standards in 2013; however, the standards were not renewed and updated annually.

Indiana Code 12-20-5.5-1 states:

"(a) The township trustee shall process all applications for township assistance according to uniform written standards and without consideration of the race, creed, nationality, or gender of the applicant or any member of the applicant's household.

(b) The township's standards for the issuance of township assistance and the processing of applications must be:

- (1) governed by the requirements of this article;
- (2) proposed by the township trustee, adopted by the township board, and filed with the board of county commissioners;
- (3) reviewed and updated annually to reflect changes in the cost of basic necessities in the township and changes in the law;
- (4) published in a single written document, including addenda attached to the document; and
- (5) posted in a place prominently visible to the public in all offices of the township trustee where township assistance applications are taken or processed."

**NEPOTISM IN EMPLOYMENT CERTIFICATIONS**

Each elected officer did not certify in writing that the officer had not violated Indiana Code 36-1-20.2 (Nepotism) by December 31, 2013, 2014, 2015, and 2016.

Indiana Code 36-1-20.2-16 states: "Each elected officer of the unit shall annually certify in writing, subject to the penalties for perjury, that the officer has not violated this chapter. An officer shall submit the certification to the executive of the unit not later than December 31 of each year."

**NEPOTISM IN CONTRACTING CERTIFICATIONS**

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, 2013, 2014, 2015, and 2016.

Indiana Code 36-1-21-6 states: "Each elected officer of the unit shall annually certify in writing, subject to the penalties for perjury, that the officer is in compliance with this chapter. An officer shall submit the certification to the executive of the unit not later than December 31 of each year."

HOBART TOWNSHIP, LAKE COUNTY  
EXIT CONFERENCE

The contents of this report were discussed on December 14, 2017, with Thomas Silich, Trustee, and Kellie LeBonte, Supervisor.