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COMPLIANCE REPORT  
OF  
OTTER CREEK TOWNSHIP  
RIPLEY COUNTY, INDIANA  
January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2017



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SCHEDULE OF OFFICIALS

<u>Office</u>	<u>Official</u>	<u>Term</u>
Trustee	Cynthia A. Melton	01-01-11 to 12-31-18
Chairman of the Township Board	Ray Tucker Lisa Ebinger	01-01-14 to 12-31-14 01-01-15 to 12-31-18



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TO: THE OFFICIALS OF OTTER CREEK TOWNSHIP, RIPLEY COUNTY, INDIANA

As authorized under Indiana Code 5-11-1, we performed certain procedures to the accounting records and related documents of Otter Creek Township (Township), Ripley County, for the period of January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2017, 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.

The Schedule of Cash and Investment Balances - Regulatory Basis, as listed in the Table of Contents, is presented as other information. It has not been subjected to any auditing procedures and, accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on it.

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

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

July 26, 2018

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#### OTHER INFORMATION - UNAUDITED

The Township's Annual Financial Reports information can be found on the Indiana Gateway for Government Units (Gateway) website: <https://gateway.ifionline.org/>. The schedule presented herein is presented as other information and is derived from the Township's Annual Financial Reports information and has not been subjected to any audit procedures. No adjustments have been made to the information as reported in Gateway and, as such, balances may differ.

OTTER CREEK TOWNSHIP, RIPLEY COUNTY  
 SCHEDULE OF CASH AND INVESTMENT  
 BALANCES - REGULATORY BASIS  
 For the Year Ended December 31, 2017

Fund	Cash and Investments 12-31-17
Township	\$ 7,868
Township Assistance	12,606
Fire Fighting	10,502
Rainy Day	<u>5,365</u>
 Total	 <u>\$ 36,341</u>

OTTER CREEK TOWNSHIP, RIPLEY COUNTY  
RESULTS AND COMMENTS

**FEDERAL AND STATE AGENCIES - COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS**

A similar comment also appeared in prior Report B44631.

Township Board members were paid without the Township withholding social security or Medicare taxes, and no Forms W-2 were presented for evaluation that indicated compensation paid to Township Board members was reported to the Internal Revenue Service.

Units are required to comply with all grant agreements, rules, regulations, bulletins, directives, letters, letter rulings, court decisions, and filing requirements concerning reports and other procedural matters of federal and state agencies. Units must file accurate reports required by federal and state agencies. Noncompliance may require corrective action. (Accounting and Uniform Compliance Guidelines Manual for Townships, Chapter 1)

**ADOPTION OF INTERNAL CONTROL STANDARDS**

The Township had not adopted the acceptable minimum level of internal control standards as defined by the Indiana State Board of Accounts.

Indiana Code 5-11-1-27(g) states in part:

"After June 30, 2016, the legislative body of a political subdivision shall ensure that:

- (1) the internal control standards and procedures developed under subsection (e) are adopted by the political subdivision; . . ."

**TRAINING ON INTERNAL CONTROL STANDARDS**

Township employees whose official duties included receiving, processing, depositing, disbursing, or otherwise having access to funds that belonged to the Township had not received training over the minimum internal control standards that was developed or approved by the Indiana State Board of Accounts.

Indiana Code 5-11-1-27(g) states in part:

"After June 30, 2016, the legislative body of a political subdivision shall ensure that: . . .

- (2) personnel receive training concerning the internal control standards and procedures adopted by the political subdivision."

OTTER CREEK TOWNSHIP, RIPLEY COUNTY  
EXIT CONFERENCE

The contents of this report were discussed on July 26, 2018, with Cynthia A. Melton, Trustee.