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COMPLIANCE REPORT
OF
COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP
JENNINGS 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	Jeanie Hahn	01-01-11 to 12-31-14
	Pamela Sporleder	01-01-15 to 12-31-18
Chairman of the Township Board	Nelson Porter	01-01-14 to 12-31-14
	Lora Brown	01-01-15 to 12-31-15
	Nancy Green-Cruser	01-01-16 to 12-31-16
	Lora Brown	01-01-17 to 12-31-18



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TO: THE OFFICIALS OF COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP, JENNINGS COUNTY, INDIANA

As authorized under Indiana Code 5-11-1, we performed certain procedures to the accounting records and related documents of Columbia Township (Township), Jennings 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 non-compliance 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

August 27, 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.

COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP, JENNINGS COUNTY
 SCHEDULE OF CASH AND INVESTMENT
 BALANCES - REGULATORY BASIS
 For the Year Ended December 31, 2017

Fund	Cash and Investments 12-31-17
Township	\$ 16,003
Township Assistance	5,901
Fire Fighting	<u>11,730</u>
Total	<u>\$ 33,634</u>

COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP, JENNINGS COUNTY
RESULTS AND COMMENTS

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:

"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; and
- (2) personnel receive training concerning the internal control standards and procedures 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 internal control standards that was developed or approved as required by the Indiana State Board of Accounts.

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

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

CERTIFICATION ON INTERNAL CONTROL STANDARDS

The Township certified on Gateway that it had adopted the minimum internal control standards as required by Indiana Code 5-11-1-27(e) and that all personnel defined by Indiana Code 5-11-1-27(c) had received training concerning the internal control standards adopted by the Township; however, during the engagement, the Trustee indicated that the Township had not adopted the minimum internal control standards and that all personnel had not received training concerning the internal control standards.

Indiana Code 5-11-1-27(h) states:

"After June 30, 2016, the fiscal officer of a political subdivision shall certify in writing that:

- (1) the minimum internal control standards and procedures defined under subsection (e) have been adopted by the political subdivision; and
- (2) personnel, who are not otherwise on leave status, have received training as required by subsection (g)(2).

The certification shall be filed with the state board of accounts at the same time as the annual financial report required by section 4(a) of this chapter is filed. The certification shall be filed electronically in the manner prescribed under [IC 5-14-3.8-7](#)."

COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP, JENNINGS COUNTY
EXIT CONFERENCE

The contents of this report were discussed on August 27, 2018, with Pamela Sporleder, Trustee.