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COMPLIANCE REPORT  
OF  
HOWARD TOWNSHIP  
PARKE 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	Beverly Cosby	01-01-11 to 12-31-18
Chairman of the Township Board	John Stutler Stephanie Wrightsman	01-01-14 to 12-31-14 01-01-15 to 12-31-18



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TO: THE OFFICIALS OF HOWARD TOWNSHIP, PARKE COUNTY, INDIANA

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

November 16, 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.

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

Fund	Cash and Investments 12-31-17
Township	\$ 6,979
Township Assistance	5,362
Fire Fighting	7,138
Rainy Day	<u>5,186</u>
Total	<u>\$ 24,665</u>

HOWARD TOWNSHIP, PARKE 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 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 internal control standards 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."

***CERTIFICATION ON INTERNAL CONTROL STANDARDS***

The Township certified with the Annual Financial Report 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 5-11-1-4(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](#)."

HOWARD TOWNSHIP, PARKE COUNTY  
EXIT CONFERENCE

The contents of this report were discussed on November 16, 2018, with Beverly Cosby, Trustee.