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COMPLIANCE REPORT
OF
BLOOMING GROVE TOWNSHIP
FRANKLIN 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 | Vivian June Shepler | 01-01-11 to 12-31-18 |
| Chairman of the Township Board | Jeffery Saureland | 01-01-14 to 12-31-14 |
| | Kenneth Hildebrand | 01-01-15 to 12-31-15 |
| | Jeffery Saureland | 01-01-16 to 12-31-18 |



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TO: THE OFFICIALS OF BLOOMING GROVE TOWNSHIP, FRANKLIN COUNTY, INDIANA

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

December 3, 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.

BLOOMING GROVE TOWNSHIP, FRANKLIN COUNTY
 SCHEDULE OF CASH AND INVESTMENT
 BALANCES - REGULATORY BASIS
 For the Year Ended December 31, 2017

| Fund | Cash and Investments 12-31-17 |
|---------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Township | \$ 12,563 |
| Township Assistance | 16,121 |
| Fire Fighting | 7,181 |
| Rainy Day Fund | <u>2,773</u> |
| Total | <u>\$ 38,638</u> |

BLOOMING GROVE TOWNSHIP, FRANKLIN COUNTY
RESULTS AND COMMENTS

COMPENSATION

A similar comment also appeared in the prior Reports B36858 and B44310.

The Township did not provide a salary resolution or ordinance, Township Board minutes, or other documentation, setting and approving the salaries of Township officers and employees during the engagement.

Indiana Code 36-6-6-10(b) states:

"The township legislative body shall fix the:

- (1) salaries;
- (2) wages;
- (3) rates of hourly pay; and
- (4) remuneration other than statutory allowances;

of all officers and employees of the township."

All compensation and benefits paid to officials and employees must be included in the labor contract, salary ordinance, resolution, or salary schedule adopted by the governing body unless otherwise authorized by law. Compensation must be paid in a manner that will facilitate compliance with state and federal reporting requirements. (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 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."

BLOOMING GROVE TOWNSHIP, FRANKLIN COUNTY
EXIT CONFERENCE

The contents of this report were discussed on December 3, 2018, with Vivian June Shepler, Trustee.