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SUPPLEMENTAL COMPLIANCE REPORT

OF

TOWN OF CARLISLE

SULLIVAN COUNTY, INDIANA

January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2018



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SCHEDULE OF OFFICIALS

<u>Office</u>	<u>Official</u>	<u>Term</u>
Clerk-Treasurer	Suzan Ridgway	01-01-16 to 12-31-23
President of the Town Council	Azalia Barfield	01-01-17 to 12-31-20



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TO: THE OFFICIALS OF THE TOWN OF CARLISLE, SULLIVAN COUNTY, INDIANA

This report is supplemental to our audit report of the Town of Carlisle (Town), for the period from January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2018. It has been provided as a separate report so that the reader may easily identify any Audit Results and Comments that pertain to the Town. It should be read in conjunction with our Financial Statement Audit Report of the Town, which provides our opinions on the Town's financial statement. This report may be found at www.in.gov/sboa/.

As authorized under Indiana Code 5-11-1, we performed procedures to determine compliance with applicable Indiana laws and uniform compliance guidelines established by the Indiana State Board of Accounts. The Audit Result and Comment contained herein describes the identified reportable instance 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 Audit Result and Comment, incorporated within this report, was not verified for accuracy.

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

February 5, 2020

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CLERK-TREASURER
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AUDIT RESULT AND COMMENT

INTERNAL CONTROLS OVER FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS AND REPORTING

This same comment appeared in a Management Letter addressed to the Clerk-Treasurer and Town Council for the examination period ending December 31, 2016.

Condition and Context

There were deficiencies in the internal control system of the Town related to financial transactions and reporting. The Town had not separated incompatible activities related to receipts and financial close and reporting.

- *Receipts* - The Clerk-Treasurer collected, recorded, and deposited receipts. There was no documentation of controls in place, such as an oversight, review, or approval process.
- *Financial Close and Reporting* - The Clerk-Treasurer did not have a proper system of internal controls in place to prevent, or detect and correct, errors in the Annual Financial Report entered into the Indiana Gateway for Government Units (Gateway) financial reporting system. The Clerk-Treasurer entered the financial information into Gateway without an oversight, review, or approval process.

Criteria

The Indiana State Board of Accounts (SBOA) is required under Indiana Code 5-11-1-27(e) to define the acceptable minimum level of internal control standards. To provide clarifying guidance, the State Examiner compiled the standards contained in the manual, *Uniform Internal Control Standards for Indiana Political Subdivisions*. All political subdivisions subject to audit by SBOA are expected to adhere to these standards. The standards include adequate control activities. According to this manual:

"Control activities are the actions and tools established through policies and procedures that help to detect, prevent, or reduce the identified risks that interfere with the achievement of objectives. Detection activities are designed to identify unfavorable events in a timely manner whereas prevention activities are designed to deter the occurrence of an unfavorable event. Examples of these activities include reconciliations, authorizations, approval processes, performance reviews, and verification processes.

An integral part of the control activity component is segregation of duties. . . .

There is an expectation of segregation of duties. If compensating controls are necessary, documentation should exist to identify both the areas where segregation of duties are not feasible or practical and the compensating controls implemented to mitigate the risk. . . ."

CLERK-TREASURER
TOWN OF CARLISLE
EXIT CONFERENCE

The contents of this report were discussed on February 5, 2020, with Suzan Ridgway, Clerk-Treasurer; Azalia Barfield, President of the Town Council; and Harold Hatfield, Town Council member.