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TO: THE OFFICIALS OF UNION TOWNSHIP, DEKALB COUNTY, INDIANA

As authorized under Indiana Code 5-11-1, we performed certain procedures to the accounting records and related documents of Union Township (Township), Dekalb County, for the period of January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2020, to determine compliance with applicable Indiana laws and uniform compliance guidelines established by the Indiana State Board of Accounts.

Management is responsible for preparing and maintaining its accounting records and related documents, as well as compliance with applicable state laws and uniform compliance guidelines established by the Indiana State Board of Accounts.

The Township's Annual Financial Reports filed by management can be found on the Gateway Website: www.gateway.ifionline.org.

The Comments contained herein describe the identified reportable instances of noncompliance found as a result of the procedures we performed. Our procedures were not designed to identify all instances of noncompliance; therefore, noncompliance may exist that is unidentified.

Comments

ADOPTION OF AND TRAINING ON INTERNAL CONTROL STANDARDS

Condition and Context

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

Criteria

Indiana 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

Condition and Context

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

The Township certified on Gateway 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 all personnel had not received training concerning the internal control standards.

Criteria

Indiana Code 5-11-1-4(a) states:

"The state examiner shall require from every audited entity 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](#)."

APPROPRIATIONS

A similar comment also appeared in prior Report B47061.

Condition and Context

The records presented for audit indicated the following expenditures in excess of budgeted appropriations:

| <u>Fund</u> | <u>Years</u> | <u>Excess Amount Expended</u> |
|------------------|--------------|---------------------------------------|
| Township General | 2018 | \$ 1,180 |
| Township General | 2019 | 10,130 |
| Township General | 2020 | 13,206 |

Criteria

Indiana Code 6-1.1-18-4 states in part: ". . . the proper officers of a political subdivision shall appropriate funds in such a manner that the expenditures for a year do not exceed its budget for that year as finally determined under this article."

This letter is intended solely for the information and use of management, governance, and others within the organization. This restriction is not intended to limit the distribution of this letter, which is a matter of public record.

The Schedule of Cash and Investment Balances - Regulatory Basis, 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.


SCHEDULE OF CASH AND INVESTMENT
BALANCES - REGULATORY BASIS
For the Year Ended December 31, 2020

| Fund | Cash and Investments 12-31-20 |
|---------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Township General | \$ 188,900 |
| Township Assistance | 69,051 |
| Rainy Day Fund | <u>8,516</u> |
| Total | <u>\$ 266,467</u> |

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

The contents of this letter were communicated to Craig Bassett, Trustee, and Zachary Lightner, Chair of the Board, on June 17, 2021.

Respectfully,


Paul D. Joyce, CPA
State Examiner