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TO: THE OFFICIALS OF HARRISON TOWNSHIP, BOONE COUNTY, INDIANA

As authorized under Indiana Code 5-11-1, we performed certain procedures to the accounting records and related documents of Harrison Township, Boone County, for the period of January 1, 2017 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](http://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 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.

*Criteria*

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**

### *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.

### *Criteria*

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.](#)"

## **PENALTIES, INTEREST, AND OTHER CHARGES**

The same comment appeared in prior Report B48247.

### *Condition and Context*

During one quarter in 2018, the Township did not remit payroll taxes on a timely basis. As a result, the Township paid \$11.86 in penalties and interest.

### *Criteria*

Officials and employees have the duty to pay claims and remit taxes in a timely fashion. Failure to pay claims or remit taxes in a timely manner could be an indicator of serious financial problems which should be investigated by the unit. Additionally, officials and employees have a responsibility to perform duties in a manner which would not result in any unreasonable fees being assessed against the unit. Any penalties, interest, or other charges paid by the unit may be the personal obligation of the responsible official or employee. (Accounting and Uniform Compliance Guidelines Manual for Townships, Chapter 1)

This report 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 report, 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	\$ 18,747
Township Assistance	5,758
Fire Fighting	14,126
Rainy Day	7,214
Excess Levy	<u>337</u>
Total	<u>\$ 46,182</u>

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

The contents of this report were communicated to the Hazel Johnson, Trustee, and Gary Baldauf, Chair of the Township Board, on September 23, 2021.

Respectfully,

*Paul D. Joyce*  
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State Examiner