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TO: THE OFFICIALS OF WARD TOWNSHIP, RANDOLPH COUNTY, INDIANA

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

In addition, 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.

#### *Context*

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](#)."

### **ANNUAL NEPOTISM AND CONTRACTING CERTIFICATIONS**

#### *Condition and Context*

A similar comment appeared in the immediately prior Report B46517.

Each elected officer did not certify in writing that the officer had not violated Indiana Code 36-1-20.2 (Nepotism) by December 31, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, and 2020.

Each elected officer did not certify in writing that the officer had not violated Indiana Code 36-1-21 (Contracting With a Unit) by December 31, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, and 2020.

#### *Criteria*

Indiana Code 36-1-20.2-16 states: "Each elected officer of the unit shall annually certify in writing, subject to the penalties for perjury, that the officer has not violated this chapter. An officer shall submit the certification to the executive of the unit not later than December 31 of each year."

Indiana Code 36-1-21-6 states: "Each elected officer of the unit shall annually certify in writing, subject to the penalties for perjury, that the officer is in compliance with this chapter. An officer shall submit the certification to the executive of the unit not later than December 31 of each year."

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	\$ 30,861
Park And Recreation	2,689
Township Assistance	12,098
Rainy Day	6,211
Lewy Excess	<u>128</u>
Total	<u>\$ 51,987</u>

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

The contents of this report were communicated to Teresa Pearson-Leeka, Trustee, and Jerry W. Wagner, Chair of the Township Board, on December 27, 2021.

Respectfully,

  
Paul D. Joyce, CPA  
State Examiner