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TO: THE OFFICIALS OF BEAVER TOWNSHIP, PULASKI COUNTY, INDIANA

As authorized under Indiana Code 5-11-1, we performed certain procedures to the accounting records and related documents of Beaver Township, Pulaski 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 AND CERTIFICATION ON, INTERNAL CONTROL STANDARDS***

***Condition and Context***

The Township certified on the Indiana Gateway for Government Units (Gateway) financial reporting system 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 5-11-1-27(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."

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](#)."

## **CONDITION OF RECORDS**

### *Condition and Context*

Township records prior to 2019 could not be presented for review because the prior Trustee destroyed the records.

### *Criteria*

At all times, the manual and/or computerized records, subsidiary ledgers, control ledger, and reconciled bank balance must agree. If the reconciled bank balance is less than the subsidiary or control ledgers, the amount needed to balance may be the personal obligation of the responsible official or employee. (Accounting and Uniform Compliance Guidelines Manual for Townships, Chapter 1)

## **RECEIPT ISSUANCE**

A similar comment appeared in prior Report B47552.

### *Condition and Context*

Receipts were not issued by the Township when money was collected.

### *Criteria*

Receipts shall be issued and recorded at the time of the transaction. (Accounting and Uniform Compliance Guidelines Manual for Townships, Chapter 1)

## **TOWNSHIP ASSISTANCE STANDARDS**

A similar comment appeared in prior Report B47552.

### *Condition and Context*

Township Assistance Standards were not established in accordance with Indiana Code 12-20-5.5-1.

### *Criteria*

Indiana Code 12-20-5.5-1 states:

"(a) The township trustee shall process all applications for township assistance according to uniform written standards and without consideration of the race, creed, nationality, or gender of the applicant or any member of the applicant's household.

(b) The township's standards for the issuance of township assistance and the processing of applications must be:

- (1) governed by the requirements of this article;
- (2) proposed by the township trustee, adopted by the township board, and filed with the board of county commissioners;
- (3) reviewed and updated annually to reflect changes in the cost of basic necessities in the township and changes in the law;
- (4) published in a single written document, including addenda attached to the document; and
- (5) posted in a place prominently visible to the public in all offices of the township trustee where township assistance applications are taken or processed.

(c) The township trustee shall annually certify that the uniform written standards for the issuance of township assistance have been filed with the board of county commissioners as required under subsection (b)(2). The certification shall be noted in the township's budget submitted to the department of local government finance's computer gateway under [IC 6-1.1-17-3](#)."

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 General Fund	\$ 30,865
Township Assistance Fund	7,134
Firefighting Fund	17,311
Rainy Day Fund	3,874
Levy Excess Fund	-
Payroll Withholdings Fund	(832)
Total	<u>\$ 58,352</u>

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

The contents of this report were communicated to Kaila Stukofski, Trustee, and Tarah Ledford, Chair of the Township Board, on January 31, 2022.

Respectfully,

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State Examiner