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TO: THE OFFICIALS OF SPARTA TOWNSHIP, DEARBORN COUNTY, INDIANA

As authorized under Indiana Code 5-11-1, we performed certain procedures to the accounting records and related documents of Sparta Township (Township), Dearborn County, for the period of January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2021, 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

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Condition and Context

The Township did not provide supporting documentation for one out of ten checks selected for testing.

Criteria

Supporting documentation such as receipts, canceled checks, tickets, invoices, bills, contracts, and other public records must be available for examination to provide supporting information for the validity and accountability of monies disbursed. Payments without supporting documentation may be the personal obligation of the responsible official or employee. (Accounting and Uniform Compliance Guidelines Manual for Townships, Chapter 1)

TOWNSHIP BOARD ORGANIZATION

Condition and Context

The Township Board did not organize and/or document organization per Indiana Code during the engagement period.

Criteria

Indiana Code 36-6-6-7 states:

"(a) The legislative body shall meet at the office of the executive on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in January of each year. At this meeting the legislative body shall elect one (1) member as chair for that year and one (1) member as secretary for that year.

(b) If a newly elected legislative body holds a special meeting before the first Tuesday after the first Monday in the January following its election, it shall elect a chair and a secretary before conducting any other business. The chair and secretary elected at the special meeting retain those positions until the first Tuesday after the first Monday in January of the year following the special meeting."

CAPITAL ASSETS

Condition and Context

The Township had not adopted a capital assets policy during the audit period.

Criteria

Every unit must have a capital assets policy that details the threshold at which an item is considered a capital asset. Every unit must have a complete detail listing of all capital assets owned which reflects their acquisition value. Capital Asset Ledger (Form 369) has been prescribed for this purpose. A complete physical inventory must be taken at least every two years, unless more stringent requirements exist, to verify account balances carried in the accounting records. (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, 2021

Fund	Cash and Investments 12-31-21
Township	\$ 22,622
Township Assistance	18,652
Fire Fighting	13,372
Cumulative Fire	76,794
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Total	<u>\$ 131,440</u>

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

The contents of this report were communicated to Katrina McIntosh, Trustee, and Thomas Gilb, Chair of the Township Board, on August 10, 2022.

Respectfully,



Beth Kelley, CPA, CFE
Deputy State Examiner