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TO: THE OFFICIALS OF OWEN TOWNSHIP, JACKSON COUNTY, INDIANA

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

**BOARD MINUTES MISSING**

*Condition and Context*

Minutes of meetings of the Township Board for 2018, 2019, 2020, and 2021 were not presented for review.

*Criteria*

Indiana Code 36-6-6-8 states:

"The legislative body shall keep a permanent record of its proceedings in a book furnished by the executive. The secretary of the legislative body shall, under the direction of the legislative body, record the minutes of the proceedings of each meeting in full and shall provide copies of the minutes to each member of the legislative body before the next meeting is convened. After the minutes are approved by the legislative body, the secretary of the legislative body shall place the minutes in the permanent record book. The chair of the legislative body shall retain the record in the chair's custody."

## **MONTHLY AND ANNUAL UPLOADS**

### *Condition and Context*

The Township did not upload any of the requisite monthly and annual uploads in the Indiana Gateway for Government Units (Gateway) financial reporting system during the engagement period.

### *Criteria*

The following files and governmental unit information are required to be uploaded monthly by all units except as noted:

- Bank Reconcilements, Bank Statements, and Outstanding Check Lists
- Approved Board Minutes, please see the user guide for more information and examples
- Funds Ledger, summarizing total receipts, disbursements, and beginning and ending balances by fund . . .

The following files and governmental unit information are required to be uploaded annually (for Counties, these apply to County Auditors unless otherwise noted):

- Year-end Investment Statements (for Counties - County Treasurer)
- Detail of Receipts for the year
- Detail of Disbursements for the year
- Current year Salary Ordinance (or Schedule) and Amendments (except Schools)
- Annual Vendor History Report
- Annual Payroll History Report, without social security numbers
- Annual Funds Ledger, summarizing year-to-date total receipts, year-to-date disbursements, and beginning and ending balances by fund
- Additionally, for Schools only: School Lunch Prepaid Account Balance Report as of June 30, Approved Salary Schedule for Noncertified Employees and Amendments
- Additionally, for County Sheriff only: Inmate Trust Fund Subsidiary Detail as of December 31
- Additionally, for County Clerk and Cities/Towns with courts: Court Trust Fund Subsidiary Detail as of December 31.
- Optional: Excel Data Capture/Data Dump (in lieu of Detail of Receipts and Disbursements)
- . . .

(Amended State Examiner Directive 2018-1)

Townships will be required to upload their monthly files by the 15th of the following month. The due date for the annual files will be March 1st. Each official will have the responsibility of uploading their own monthly required document in Gateway. (The County Bulletin and Uniform Compliance Guidelines, December 2018)

Units are required to comply with all grant agreements, rules, regulations, bulletins, directives, letters, letter rulings, court decisions and filing requirements concerning reports and other procedural matters of federal and state agencies. Units must file accurate reports required by federal and state agencies. Noncompliance may require corrective action. (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	\$ 34,258
Township Assistance	24,198
Fire Fighting	104
Rainy Day	1,714
Levy Excess	83
Employee Withholding Tax	<u>558</u>
Total	<u>\$ 60,915</u>

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

The contents of this report were communicated to Franklin D. Fisher, Trustee, and Steve Ritter, Chair of the Township Board, on August 10, 2022.

Respectfully,



Beth Kelley, CPA, CFE  
Deputy State Examiner