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TO: THE OFFICIALS OF LAUGHERY TOWNSHIP, RIPLEY COUNTY, INDIANA

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

ADOPTION OF, AND TRAINING ON AND CERTIFICATION ON, INTERNAL CONTROL STANDARDS

Similar comments also appeared in the prior Report B50717, entitled *ADOPTION OF INTERNAL CONTROL STANDARDS, TRAINING ON INTERNAL CONTROL STANDARDS, and CERTIFICATION ON INTERNAL CONTROL STANDARD*.

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 Township could not provide supporting documentation that it had 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 Township could not provide supporting documentation showing that all personnel had 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](#).

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORTS

Condition and Context

Receipts in the Firefighting fund on the 2019 Annual Financial Report were understated by \$18,531 due to distributions from the County Auditor not being reported. These errors were corrected and are reflected in the cash and investment balances contained in this report.

Criteria

Indiana Code 5-11-1-4(a) states:

The state examiner shall require from every audited entity financial report 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](#).

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 General	\$ 7,072
Parks and Recreation	1,653
Township Assistance	48,941
Firefighting	52,495
Rainy Day	609
Excess Levy	<u>630</u>
Total	<u>\$ 111,400</u>

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

The contents of this report were communicated to Michael A. Weiler, Trustee, and Robert Mattucci, Chair of the Township Board, on October 3, 2022.

Respectfully,



Beth Kelley, CPA, CFE
Deputy State Examiner