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TO: THE OFFICIALS OF COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP, JENNINGS COUNTY, INDIANA

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

MONTHLY AND ANNUAL UPLOADS

The Township did not comply with the State Examiner Directive and failed to upload any of the monthly files and a portion of the annual files on the Indiana Gateway for Government Units (Gateway) financial reporting system for 2018, 2019, 2020, and 2021.

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 . . .
- 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 . . .

(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 the Township Manual, Chapter 1)

CERTIFIED REPORT FILED AFTER DUE DATE

Condition and Context

The Township's Certified Report of Names, Addresses, Duties and Compensation of Public Employees (Form 100R), for 2021, was not filed electronically until March 10, 2022, which was 38 days past the due date.

Criteria

Indiana Code 5-11-13-1(a) states in part:

> "Every state, county, city, town, township, or school official . . . shall during the month of January of each year prepare, make, and sign a certified report, correctly and completely showing the names and business addresses of each and all officers, employees, and agents . . . and the respective duties and compensation of each, and shall forthwith file said report in the office of the state examiner of the state board of accounts . . . The certification must be 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	$ 13,202
Township Assistance	20,629
Fire Fighting	12,605
Rainy Day	1,591
Total	$ 48,027

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

The contents of this report were communicated to Pamela Sporleder, Trustee, and Kyle Layman, Chair of the Township Board, on October 21, 2022.

Respectfully,

Beth Kelley

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Deputy State Examiner