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TO: THE OFFICIALS OF MILTON TOWNSHIP, JEFFERSON COUNTY, INDIANA

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

Condition and Context

The Township did not comply with the State Examiner Directive 2018-1 and failed to upload any of the required monthly and annual files on the Indiana Gateway for Government Units financial reporting system for 2018, 2019, 2020, and 2021.

Criteria

All counties, cities, towns, townships, libraries, schools and special districts will use the Engagement Uploads to upload files containing financial and governmental unit information on Gateway to allow the SBOA to conduct audit planning and audit processes prior to on-site work at a unit. This remote process will provide for more efficient data processing and save audit costs for our clients. . . .

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 . . .

(Amended State Examiner Directive 2018-1)

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)

ADOPTION OF, AND TRAINING ON, INTERNAL CONTROL STANDARDS

Similar comments also appeared in prior Report B52189, entitled *ADOPTION OF INTERNAL CONTROL STANDARDS* and *TRAINING ON INTERNAL CONTROL STANDARDS*.

Condition and Context

Documentation that the Township had adopted the acceptable minimum level of internal control standards as defined by the Indiana State Board of Accounts, and provided the required training to Township employees, was not provided.

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."

CERTIFICATION ON INTERNAL CONTROL STANDARDS

The same comment also appeared in the prior Report B52189.

Condition and Context

The Township certified on the Indiana Gateway for Government Units financial reporting system that it had adopted the minimum internal control standards as required by Indiana Code 5-11-1-27(e) and 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, documentation that the Township had adopted the minimum internal control standards and that all personnel had received training concerning the internal control standards was not provided.

Criteria

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](#)."

BANK ACCOUNT RECONCILIATIONS

A similar comment also appeared in prior Reports B44927 and B52189, entitled *BANK RECONCILIATIONS*.

Condition and Context

Depository reconciliations of the fund balances to the bank account balances were not provided, so alternative procedures were performed. As of December 31, 2021, there was an unidentified cash short in the amount of \$1,825.

Criteria

Indiana Code 5-13-6-1(e) states: "All local investment officers shall reconcile at least monthly the balance of public funds, as disclosed by the records of the local officers, with the balance statements provided by the respective depositories."

BOARD MINUTES

A similar comment also appeared in prior Report B44927 and B52189, entitled *BOARD MINUTES*.

Condition and Context

Township Board minutes were not provided for 2018, 2021, or 2022.

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."

The secretary of the township board shall under the direction of the board record the minutes of the proceedings of each meeting in full and provide copies of the minutes to each member of the township board before the next meeting is convened. After the minutes are approved by the township board, the secretary of the township board shall place the minutes in the permanent record book. Any meeting may adjourn from day to day until the business is completed. IC 36-6-6-5, IC 36-6-6-8 (Accounting and Uniform Compliance Guidelines Manual for Townships, Chapter 5)

COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS

A similar comment also appeared in prior Reports B44927 and B52189, entitled *COMPENSATION*.

Condition and Context

The Township did not provide an annual salary resolution or ordinance, Township Board minutes, or other documentation setting and approving the salaries of Township officers and employees during the engagement period.

Criteria

Indiana Code 36-6-6-10(c) stated in part: "The township legislative body shall fix the compensation of all officers and employees of the township. Compensation shall be established using an annual, monthly, or biweekly salary schedule."

All compensation and benefits paid to officials and employees must be included in the labor contract, salary ordinance, resolution, or salary schedule adopted by the governing body unless otherwise authorized by law. Compensation must be paid in a manner that will facilitate compliance with state and federal reporting requirements. (Accounting and Uniform Compliance Guidelines Manual for Townships, Chapter 1)

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT ERRORS

A similar comment also appeared in prior Reports B44927 and B52189, entitled *CONDITION OF RECORDS*.

Condition and Context

The Annual Financial Report for 2021 contained errors. As a result, the ending cash and investments balance was understated by \$12,455. Adjustments were made to the December 31, 2021 balances reported in this report.

Criteria

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](#)."

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	\$ 6,707
Township Assistance	11,328
Fire Fighting	<u>17,932</u>
Total	<u>\$ 35,967</u>

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

The contents of this report were communicated to Sara Bickis, Trustee, and Sharon Stevens, Chair of the Township Board, on December 7, 2022.

Respectfully,



Beth Kelley, CPA, CFE
Deputy State Examiner