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TO: THE OFFICIALS OF BARKLEY TOWNSHIP, JASPER COUNTY, INDIANA

As authorized under Indiana Code 5-11-1, we performed certain procedures to the accounting records and related documents of Barkley Township (Township), Jasper 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 Indiana Gateway for Government Units financial reporting system 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***

**ADOPTION OF INTERNAL CONTROL STANDARDS**

The same comment also appeared in prior Report B51168.

***Condition and Context***

The Township had not adopted the acceptable minimum level of internal control standards as defined by the Indiana State Board of Accounts.

On January 3, 2023, an internal control policy approved by the Township Board was 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."

## **TRAINING ON INTERNAL CONTROL STANDARDS**

The same comment also appeared in prior Report B51168.

### *Condition and Context*

Township employees whose official duties included receiving, processing, depositing, disbursing, or otherwise having access to funds that belonged to the Township, had not received training over internal control standards that was developed or approved by the Indiana State Board of Accounts.

On December 17, 2022, the Trustee received internal control training.

### *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 OF INTERNAL CONTROL STANDARDS**

### *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, during the engagement, the Trustee indicated that the Township had not adopted the minimum internal control standards and that all personnel had not received training concerning the internal control standards.

### *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](#)."

## **COMPENSATION**

The same comment also appeared in prior Reports B44835 and B51168.

### *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.

On January 3, 2023, a 2023 board approved salary schedule was provided.

*Criteria*

Indiana Code 36-6-6-10(c) states: "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)

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  
As of December 31, 2021

Fund	Cash and Investments 12-31-21
Township	\$ 9,559
Township Assistance	4,989
Fire Fighting	55,011
Rainy Day	14,784
Levy Excess	<u>262</u>
Total	<u><u>\$ 84,605</u></u>

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

The contents of this report were communicated to Richard Bozell, Trustee, on January 5, 2023.

Respectfully,



Beth Kelley, CPA, CFE  
Deputy State Examiner