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TO: THE OFFICIALS OF WEST POINT TOWNSHIP, WHITE COUNTY, INDIANA

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

TRAINING ON INTERNAL CONTROL STANDARDS

The same comment also appeared in prior Report B50500.

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.

Criteria

Indiana Code 5-11-1-27(g) states in part:

"After June 30, 2016, the legislative body of a political subdivision shall ensure that: . . .

- (2) personnel receive training concerning the internal control standards and procedures adopted by the political subdivision."

ADOPTION OF INTERNAL CONTROL STANDARDS

The same comment also appeared in prior Report B50500.

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.

Criteria

Indiana Code 5-11-1-27(g) states in part:

"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. . . ."

COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS

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

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)

BANK ACCOUNT RECONCILIATIONS

Condition and Context

The Township did not provide auditable evidence of bank reconciliations of the Township's fund balances to its bank account balances. As a result, the Township's records did not properly reconcile to the ending cash and investments balance reported in its Annual Financial Report. This was a systemic issue throughout the engagement period.

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."

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	\$ 33,511
Township Assistance	6,390
Fire fighting	111,872
Rainy Day	770
Horizon Windfarm Economic Development	<u>20,502</u>
Total	<u>\$ 173,045</u>

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

The contents of this report were communicated to Margaret Foutch, Trustee, and Brian Foutch, Township Clerk, on April 12, 2023.

Respectfully,



Beth Kelley, CPA, CFE
Deputy State Examiner