



INSPECTOR GENERAL REPORT

2010-01-0001

June 15, 2010

ROCKVILLE SEWER GRANT MONEY

Inspector General Staff Attorney Kristi Shute, after an investigation by Special Agent Darrell Boehmer, reports as follows:

On January 5, 2010, the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) received information from the Indiana State Police (“ISP”) regarding an investigation pertaining to theft. Specifically, the ISP Detective advised that the former Rockville Town Manager was suspected of submitting invoices for work that was not performed and that payment was going to a fictitious company the former Manager created and controlled.

The OIG has the authority to investigate criminal activity regarding the use of state money and state agencies. IC 4-2-7-2.

Special Agent Darrell Boehmer was assigned, and the investigation revealed that in July of 2008, the State Budget Committee approved a grant from the Post War Construction Fund to the Town of Rockville (“Town”). The grant’s purpose was to improve and enhance the Town’s wastewater treatment plant

capabilities, in large part to accommodate the usage and needs of the Rockville Correctional Facility.

To access these funds, the Town submits a claim voucher to the State Budget Agency (“SBA”) along with the invoice for the charges. If the invoice and voucher appear to be for a valid purpose, the amount of the invoice is transferred to the Town. The Town Treasurer then processes the payment to the recipient that completed the work and submits the invoice.

On October 22, 2009, the former Town Manager opened a checking account at Fifth Third Bank in the name of the Buckman Company. That same day, a claim voucher from the Town was presented to the SBA for payment from the Post War Construction Grant. The voucher had the former Town Manager’s name as having prepared the voucher. The attached invoice was from the Buckman Company in the amount of \$43,200. The invoice was for the stated purpose of engineering services and placement of equipment. No work was performed.

The SBA made a payment to the Town for \$43,200. On November 11, 2009, the Town issued a check to the Buckmann Company for \$43,200.

On November 30, 2009, a claim voucher was submitted to the SBA for payment from the Post War Construction Grant. Attached to the voucher was an invoice from the Buckman Company for \$14,559. The invoice was signed by the former Town Manager. The SBA made a payment to the Town for \$14,559. On December 7, 2009, the Town issued a check to the Buckman Company for

\$14,559. No work was performed.

The United States Postal Service Postmaster was subpoenaed to identify the person renting the Post Office Box listed as the address for the Buckman Company. The Postmaster returned a copy of an application for Post Office Box Service. The application was filed for the Buckman Company and the name of the person making the application was the former Town Manager.

This case was submitted to the Office of the Prosecuting Attorney of Parke County. Criminal charges of Theft and Official Misconduct were then filed. Accordingly, this case is closed.

Dated this 15th day of June, 2010.

APPROVED BY:



David O. Thomas, Inspector General