

Edit Referral

H-23-273 Referral Information

Hotline ID: H-23-273

Date of Submission: 7/5/2023

Entity Type: Local

Entity Category Type: City/Town

Entity: Lind, Town of

Sub Entity Name:

Category: Accounting/Financial Reporting
Billings/Receivables
Financial Condition

1-2 sentence description of concern: Money missing, town funds used up

Report Issued: No

Reporting Type: Verbal Resolution

Report Number:

Investigation Contracted: No

Contract Number:

Contract Name:

Billing Time Code:

Costs:

Public Records Request: No

Flag For Annual Report: No

Substantiated: No

ARRA: No

Action: Referred to Audit Team - Consider Next Audit

Audit Team: Tri-Cities

Audit Team Contact: waltmang@sao.wa.gov

cc:

Referral Date: 7/6/2023

Action Taken: No

Response Date:

Report Date:

Follow Up Date:

Date Closed: 4/26/2024

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H-23-273 Contact Information

Hotline ID: H-23-273

Date of Submission: 7/5/2023

Submission Method: Web

Submission Type: Citizen

Staff:

Author(Last, First): Dobbins , Anna

Address: 3 N Neilson Rd PO box 164

City: Lind

State: WA **Zip:** 99341

Home Phone: 3605235353

Work Phone:

Mobile Phone: 3605235353

Email: anniedwoman@gmail.com

Can Contact: Yes

Contact: Home Phone

Preference: Mobile Phone

Anonymous: No

Waived Confidentiality: No

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What state or local organization is involved?

Please identify the specific concerns you are hoping the audit will address.

Money missing, town funds used up

Please provide a detailed description of the assertion or outstanding achievement, including who, when, where, what, how and how much.

Barbara Pence is sending out messed up bills for last 2 years. Paula bell, myra horton and jim dworshak have used funds into the negative over last 3 years. Town will be in negative funds by end of year.

How did this issue come to your attention?

RCAC presentation at town council meeting. They assessed our ability to repay a loan for a contaminated well issue we were not told of until residents got the report

What employee(s), contractors, etc., were involved in the assertion or achievement? Please include employee titles if possible.

Paula bell mayor, barbara pence cler/treasurer, myra horton council finance committee, jim dworshak council finance committee

Please provide the names of any witnesses to the assertion or achievement, if possible.

town of line council meeting. Its recorded

Please provide any additional details or comments that would help us understand your assertion or achievement.

The budget put out for 2023 contained a \$157,000 incoming money from arpa Grants that the town has already received and is not receiving any further funds this year.

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Activity
Log

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Entry Date ▼	Log Entry
04/26/2024	Referral updated by 'JEANA Gillis (gillisj)'.
04/26/2024	We met with the citizen in the Kennewick Office and shared what we reviewed and shared that we found no issues with the reconciliation --waltmang
04/26/2024	We also shared we found no issues with the ARPA, the funds were in the bank account. This hotline is closed. -- waltmang
04/03/2024	We obtained the Treasurer's reports for FY21/22/23 and traced all the funds from ARPA to the Town's bank statements. We compared the activities to C4 and noted the cash balance is comparable between Treasurer's reports, C4 and bank statements. We traced the remaining balance for ARPA fund from Water fund to a separated APRA fund without any issues. We held an exit for the accountability audit on 4/1/2024. We have a meeting scheduled with the citizen on 4/24/2024. --chungy
02/13/2024	Audit is pending a fraud investigation. --waltmang
01/16/2024	Audit is almost complete. Found no issues with this area. Will communicate results to citizen soon. --waltmang
12/14/2023	We are currently conducting the audit and are reviewing this area. Conclusion will be added once completed. -- waltmang
07/13/2023	Spoke to citizen regarding the recall of the Mayor. She will provide the documentation from the hearing to us to add to our files. --olearyd
07/06/2023	Referral updated by 'JEANA Gillis (gillisj)'.
07/06/2023	Task assigned to 'waltmang@sao.wa.gov'. Team notification email sent to: waltmang@sao.wa.gov
07/06/2023	Referral updated by 'JEANA Gillis (gillisj)'. Action changed from (not set) to Referred to Audit Team - Consider Next Audit.