



CITY OF WILLIAMSPORT

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Statement on Audit Presentation

Today's presentation of the 2019-20 RVT audit by RKL, though alarming, was not surprising. Unfortunately, these are the financial issues I have been dealing with and straightening out since I took over as mayor. The misallocation and misappropriation of taxpayer money by the previous administration is completely unacceptable. Today's audit is the first step to give me a baseline accounting of our financials. We are still waiting for the 2020-21 RVT audit as well as the 2019 and 2020 City audits which are currently being completed. As we move into the upcoming budget sessions, we need an accurate accounting of our finances to produce a budget. Budgets have to be based on actual facts and not guesses, which these audits will provide. Once these audits are completed, I will have the baseline financial data needed to properly govern.

Since taking office, I have cleaned up and continue to clean up finances, contracts, and other City obligations. The taxpayers deserve an administration that is a responsible, ethical steward of their tax dollars. I assure you that I have been and will continue to be fully committed to getting the City's financial house in order.