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John Moechnig
Clerk, Town of West Albany
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Dear Clerk Moechnig:

The Office of the State Auditor (“OSA”) received concerns regarding the Town of West Albany (“Town”). Specifically, concerns were raised regarding Town Board decisions to orally approve an easement onto Town park property and to convey park property to a private party, the Meyer Trust, at no cost.

The Town Board resolved the matter by executing a written agreement with the Meyer Trust. According to the terms of the agreement, the Town granted the easement and conveyed the property to the Meyer Trust for \$500. The Town provided the OSA with copies of the agreement and the Town Board meeting minutes memorializing the Board’s approval of the agreement.

The OSA will be taking no further action on this matter. However, in the future, we recommend that the Town Board work with its attorney on any land transactions involving Town property.

Sincerely,

/s/ Terrilyn Diamond

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