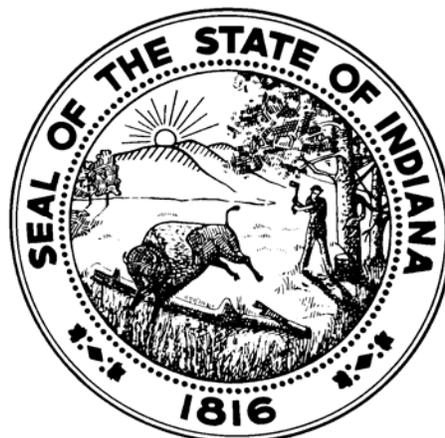


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EXAMINATION REPORT
OF
LAUREL TOWNSHIP
FRANKLIN COUNTY, INDIANA
January 1, 2002 to December 31, 2005



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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

TO: THE OFFICIALS OF LAUREL TOWNSHIP, FRANKLIN COUNTY, INDIANA

We have examined the schedules of receipts, disbursements, and cash and investment balances of Laurel Township (Township), for the period of January 1, 2002 to December 31, 2005. The Township's management is responsible for the schedules. Our responsibility is to express an opinion based on our examination.

Our examination was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and, accordingly, included examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the schedule of receipts, disbursements, and cash and investment balances and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our examination provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the schedules referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the cash transactions of the Township for the years ended December 31, 2002, 2003, 2004, and 2005, based on the criteria set forth in the uniform compliance guidelines established by the Indiana State Board of Accounts.

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June 20, 2006

LAUREL TOWNSHIP, FRANKLIN COUNTY
SCHEDULES OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND CASH AND INVESTMENT BALANCES
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES
As Of And For The Years Ended December 31, 2002, 2003, 2004, And 2005

	Cash and Investments 01-01-02	Receipts	Disbursements	Cash and Investments 12-31-02
Governmental Funds:				
General	\$ 4,190	\$ 9,976	\$ 9,798	\$ 4,368
Dog	646	296	362	580
Township Assistance	8,663	1,358	2,009	8,012
Firefighting	5,777	6,678	5,000	7,455
Park and Recreation	4,598	4,625	4,000	5,223
Totals	<u>\$ 23,874</u>	<u>\$ 22,933</u>	<u>\$ 21,169</u>	<u>\$ 25,638</u>

	Cash and Investments 01-01-03	Receipts	Disbursements	Cash and Investments 12-31-03
Governmental Funds:				
General	\$ 4,368	\$ 7,622	\$ 10,142	\$ 1,848
Dog	580	290	292	578
Township Assistance	8,012	666	3,687	4,991
Firefighting	7,455	3,388	5,181	5,662
Park and Recreation	5,223	2,754	4,047	3,930
Levy Excess	-	462	-	462
Totals	<u>\$ 25,638</u>	<u>\$ 15,182</u>	<u>\$ 23,349</u>	<u>\$ 17,471</u>

	Cash and Investments 01-01-04	Receipts	Disbursements	Cash and Investments 12-31-04
Governmental Funds:				
General	\$ 1,848	\$ 12,580	\$ 11,018	\$ 3,410
Dog	578	216	290	504
Township Assistance	4,991	2,956	2,836	5,111
Firefighting	5,662	6,899	6,000	6,561
Park and Recreation	3,930	7,937	5,000	6,867
Levy Excess	462	-	462	-
Totals	<u>\$ 17,471</u>	<u>\$ 30,588</u>	<u>\$ 25,606</u>	<u>\$ 22,453</u>

	Cash and Investments 01-01-05	Receipts	Disbursements	Cash and Investments 12-31-05
Governmental Funds:				
General	\$ 3,410	\$ 12,638	\$ 11,012	\$ 5,036
Dog	504	168	415	257
Township Assistance	5,111	6,342	4,556	6,897
Firefighting	6,561	8,224	6,000	8,785
Park and Recreation	6,867	3,789	5,000	5,656
Totals	<u>\$ 22,453</u>	<u>\$ 31,161</u>	<u>\$ 26,983</u>	<u>\$ 26,631</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the schedules.

LAUREL TOWNSHIP, FRANKLIN COUNTY
NOTES TO SCHEDULES

Note 1. Introduction

The Township was established under the laws of the State of Indiana. The Township provides the following services: public safety, health and social services, culture and recreation, and general administrative services.

Note 2. Fund Accounting

The Township uses funds to report on its cash and investments and the results of its operations on a cash basis. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial management by segregating transactions related to certain governmental functions or activities.

Note 3. Budgets

The operating budget is initially prepared and approved at the local level. In addition, funds for which property taxes are levied are subject to final approval by the Indiana Department of Local Government Finance.

Note 4. Property Taxes

Property taxes levied are collected by the County Treasurer and are distributed to the Township in June and December. State statute (IC 6-1.1-17-16) requires the Indiana Department of Local Government Finance to establish property tax rates and levies by February 15. These rates were based upon the preceding year's March 1 (lien date) assessed valuations adjusted for various tax credits. Taxable property is assessed at 100% of the true tax value (determined in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the Indiana Department of Local Government Finance). Taxes may be paid in two equal installments which become delinquent if not paid by May 10 and November 10, respectively.

Note 5. Deposits and Investments

Deposits, made in accordance with Indiana Code 5-13, with financial institutions in the State of Indiana at year end were entirely insured by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation or by the Indiana Public Deposit Insurance Fund. This includes any deposit accounts issued or offered by a qualifying financial institution.

State statute (IC 5-13-9) authorizes the Township to invest in securities including, but not limited to, federal government securities, repurchase agreements, and certain money market mutual funds. Certain other statutory restrictions apply to all investments made by local governmental units.

LAUREL TOWNSHIP, FRANKLIN COUNTY
EXAMINATION RESULTS AND COMMENTS

APPROPRIATIONS

The records presented for audit indicated the following expenditures in excess of budgeted appropriations:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Excess Amount Expended</u>
Township Assistance	2005	<u>\$ 555</u>

Indiana Code 6-1.1-18-4 states in part: ". . . the proper officers of a political subdivision shall appropriate funds in such a manner that the expenditures for a year do not exceed its budget for that year as finally determined under this article."

DISBURSEMENT DOCUMENTATION

Several payments were observed which did not contain adequate supporting documentation such as receipts or invoices.

Due to the lack of supporting information, the validity and accountability for these disbursements could not be established.

Supporting documentation such as receipts, canceled checks, tickets, invoices, bills, contracts, and other public records must be available for audit to provide supporting information for the validity and accountability of monies disbursed. Payments without supporting documentation may be the personal obligation of the responsible official or employee. (Accounting and Uniform Compliance Guidelines Manual for Townships, Chapter 13)

LAUREL TOWNSHIP, FRANKLIN COUNTY
EXIT CONFERENCE

The contents of this report were discussed on June 20, 2006, with Delbert Spurlock, Trustee.