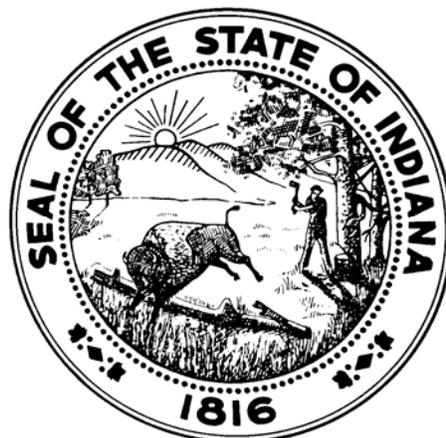


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EXAMINATION REPORT
OF
WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP
GIBSON COUNTY, INDIANA
January 1, 2004 to December 31, 2005



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Official

Term

Trustee

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01-01-03 to 12-31-06

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

TO: THE OFFICIALS OF WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP, GIBSON COUNTY, INDIANA

We have examined the financial information presented herein of Washington Township (Township), for the period of January 1, 2004 to December 31, 2005. The Township's management is responsible for the financial information presented herein. 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 financial information presented herein 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 financial information referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial information of the Township for the years ended December 31, 2004 and 2005, based on the criteria set forth in the uniform compliance guidelines established by the Indiana State Board of Accounts.

STATE BOARD OF ACCOUNTS

November 27, 2006

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

	Cash and Investments 01-01-04	Receipts	Disbursements	Cash and Investments 12-31-04
Governmental Funds:				
Township	\$ 12,420	\$ 19,510	\$ 15,922	\$ 16,008
Dog	482	92	92	482
Township Assistance	23,332	941	613	23,660
Firefighting	9,222	3,076	3,000	9,298
Park and Recreation	8,520	1,569	1,312	8,777
Totals	<u>\$ 53,976</u>	<u>\$ 25,188</u>	<u>\$ 20,939</u>	<u>\$ 58,225</u>

	Cash and Investments 01-01-05	Receipts	Disbursements	Cash and Investments 12-31-05
Governmental Funds:				
Township	\$ 16,008	\$ 18,335	\$ 17,683	\$ 16,660
Dog	482	104	182	404
Township Assistance	23,660	847	3,551	20,956
Firefighting	9,298	2,894	3,000	9,192
Park and Recreation	8,777	1,128	803	9,102
Totals	<u>\$ 58,225</u>	<u>\$ 23,308</u>	<u>\$ 25,219</u>	<u>\$ 56,314</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the schedules.

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP, GIBSON COUNTY
NOTES TO FINANCIAL INFORMATION

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. All property taxes collected by the County Treasurer and available for distribution were distributed to the Township on or prior to December 31 of the year collected.

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.

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP, GIBSON COUNTY
EXAMINATION RESULT AND COMMENT

ADVANCE PAYMENTS

Dates of transactions indicate that many salary payments were made to individuals prior to the receipt of services.

A similar comment appeared in the prior examination report.

Compensation and any other payments for goods and services should not be paid in advance of receipt of the goods or services unless specifically authorized by statute. Payments made for goods or services which are not received may be the personal obligation of the responsible official or employee. (Accounting and Uniform Compliance Guidelines Manual for Townships, Chapter 13)

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP, GIBSON COUNTY
EXIT CONFERENCE

The contents of this report were discussed on November 28, 2006, with Mary C. Watkins, Trustee.
The official concurred with our findings.