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EXAMINATION REPORT
OF
COTTON TOWNSHIP
SWITZERLAND COUNTY, INDIANA
January 1, 2004 to December 31, 2005



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OFFICIALS

<u>Office</u>	<u>Official</u>	<u>Term</u>
Trustee	Barbara Bowling	01-01-03 to 12-31-10
Chairman of the Township Board	Rita Works	01-01-04 to 12-31-05
	Lowell McCreary	01-01-06 to 12-31-06
	Brenda Shaw	01-01-07 to 12-31-07



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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

TO: THE OFFICIALS OF COTTON TOWNSHIP, SWITZERLAND COUNTY, INDIANA

We have examined the financial information presented herein of Cotton 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 present 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.

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January 11, 2007

COTTON TOWNSHIP, SWITZERLAND 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	\$ 6,541	\$ 17,346	\$ 15,886	\$ 8,001
Dog	237	108	194	151
Township Assistance	8,315	4,310	7,354	5,271
Firefighting	3,566	12,966	12,119	4,413
Riverboat	56,138	37,952	35,286	58,804
Totals	<u>\$ 74,797</u>	<u>\$ 72,682</u>	<u>\$ 70,839</u>	<u>\$ 76,640</u>

	Cash and Investments 01-01-05	Receipts	Disbursements	Cash and Investments 12-31-05
Governmental Funds:				
Township	\$ 8,001	\$ 13,724	\$ 17,690	\$ 4,035
Dog	151	85	236	-
Township Assistance	5,271	6,095	8,340	3,026
Firefighting	4,413	14,086	12,171	6,328
Riverboat	58,804	39,578	47,301	51,081
Totals	<u>\$ 76,640</u>	<u>\$ 73,568</u>	<u>\$ 85,738</u>	<u>\$ 64,470</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the schedules.

COTTON TOWNSHIP, SWITZERLAND 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, 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.

COTTON TOWNSHIP, SWITZERLAND COUNTY
EXAMINATION RESULTS AND COMMENTS

TOWNSHIP ASSISTANCE PROCEDURES

No written township assistance standards were presented for examination

Indiana Code 12-20-5.5-1 states in part:

"(a) The township trustee shall process all applications for the township assistance according to uniform written standards . . ."

"(b) The township's standards for the issuance of township assistance and the processing of applications must be: . . .proposed by the township trustee, adopted by the township board, and filed with the board of county commissioners . . ."

COTTON TOWNSHIP, SWITZERLAND COUNTY
EXIT CONFERENCE

The contents of this report were discussed on January 11, 2007, with Barbara Bowling, Trustee. The official concurred with our finding.