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EXAMINATION REPORT

OF

JACKSON TOWNSHIP

DEARBORN COUNTY, INDIANA

January 1, 2004 to December 31, 2005



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OFFICIALS

Office

Official

Term

Trustee

Ernest F. Hoog

01-01-03 to 12-31-10

Chairman of the
Township Board

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

TO: THE OFFICIALS OF JACKSON TOWNSHIP, DEARBORN COUNTY, INDIANA

We have examined the financial information presented herein of Jackson 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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February 12, 2007

JACKSON TOWNSHIP, DEARBORN 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	\$ 7,694	\$ 6,250	\$ 10,263	\$ 3,681
Dog	616	286	316	586
Township Assistance	4,053	1,337	802	4,588
Firefighting	650	14,137	14,700	87
Totals	<u>\$ 13,013</u>	<u>\$ 22,010</u>	<u>\$ 26,081</u>	<u>\$ 8,942</u>

	Cash and Investments 01-01-05	Receipts	Disbursements	Cash and Investments 12-31-05
Governmental Funds:				
Township	\$ 3,681	\$ 9,516	\$ 12,214	\$ 983
Dog	586	288	286	588
Township Assistance	4,588	1,912	2,517	3,983
Firefighting	87	17,456	15,750	1,793
Totals	<u>\$ 8,942</u>	<u>\$ 29,172</u>	<u>\$ 30,767</u>	<u>\$ 7,347</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the schedules.

JACKSON TOWNSHIP, DEARBORN 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.

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.

JACKSON TOWNSHIP, DEARBORN COUNTY
EXAMINATION RESULTS AND COMMENTS

FEDERAL AND STATE AGENCIES - COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS

The following deficiencies were noted regarding directives of the Internal Revenue Service:

1. Township rental payments to the Trustee were not reported on Internal Revenue Service Forms.
2. Compensation paid to the Trustee, Clerk and Township Board Members had no payroll withholdings deducted and was not reported on Internal Revenue Form W-2.

Each governmental unit is responsible for compliance with all rules, regulations, guidelines, and directives of the Internal Revenue Service and the Indiana Department of Revenue. All questions concerning taxes should be directed to these agencies. (Accounting and Uniform Compliance Guidelines Manual for Townships, Chapter 13)

Any penalties, interest or other charges paid by the governmental unit may be the personal obligation of the responsible official or employee. (Accounting and Uniform Compliance Guidelines Manual for Townships, Chapter 13)

NO SALARY RESOLUTION

Township Form 17, Resolution Recommending Salaries of Township Officers and Employees, was not in use.

Officials and employees are required to use State Board of Accounts prescribed or approved forms in the manner prescribed. (Accounting and Uniform Compliance Guidelines Manual for Townships, Chapter 13)

TOWNSHIP ASSISTANCE STANDARDS

No written Township Assistance standards were presented for examination.

Indiana Code 12-20-5.5 states in part:

“(a) The township trustee shall process all applications for the poor relief 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”

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE

Gloria Hoog, Clerk, is the spouse of Ernest F. Hogg, Trustee. A Uniform Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statement has not been filed.

Indiana Code 35-44-1-3 states in part:

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EXAMINATION RESULTS AND COMMENTS
(Continued)

“(a) A public servant who knowingly or intentionally: (1) has a pecuniary interest in; or (2) derives a profit from; a contract or purchase connected with an action by the governmental entity served by the public servant commits conflict of interest, a Class D felony . . .”

“(c) This section does not prohibit a public servant from having a pecuniary interest in or deriving a profit from a contract or purchase connected with the governmental entity served . . . (3) if the public servant; (A) is an elected public servant . . . and (B) makes a disclosure under subsection (d)(1) through (d)(6).”

“(d) A disclosure required by this section must: (1) be in writing; (2) describe the contract or purchase to be made by the governmental entity; (3) describe the pecuniary interest that the public servant has in the contract or purchase; (4) be affirmed under penalty of perjury; (5) be submitted to the governmental entity and be accepted by the governmental entity in a public meeting of the governmental entity prior to final action on the contract or purchase; (6) be filed within fifteen (15) days after final action on the contract or purchase with: (A) the state board of accounts; and (B) . . . the clerk of the circuit court in the county where the governmental entity takes final action on the contract or purchase . . .”

“(g) A public servant has a pecuniary interest in a contract or purchase if the contract or purchase will result or is intended to result in an ascertainable increase in the income or net worth of: (1) the public servant; or (2) a dependent of the public servant who: (A) is under the direct or indirect administrative control of the public servant; or (B) receives a contract or purchase order that is reviewed, approved, or directly or indirectly administered by the public servant . . .”

“(k) As used in this section, ‘dependent’ means any of the following: (1) The spouse of a public servant. (2) A child, stepchild, or adoptee (as defined in IC 31-3-4-1) of a public servant who is: (A) unemancipated; and (B) less than eighteen (18) years of age. (3) Any individual more than one-half (1/2) of whose support is provided during a year by the public servant.”

JACKSON TOWNSHIP, DEARBORN COUNTY
EXIT CONFERENCE

The contents of this report were discussed on February 12, 2007, with Ernest F. Hoog, Trustee.