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EXAMINATION REPORT

OF

KANKAKEE TOWNSHIP

LAPORTE COUNTY, INDIANA

January 1, 2005 to December 31, 2006



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OFFICIALS

<u>Office</u>	<u>Official</u>	<u>Term</u>
Trustee	Steve Lestinsky, Jr.	01-01-03 to 12-31-10
Chairman of the Township Board	Kevin Wheatbrook Thomas Wheatbrook	01-01-05 to 12-31-05 01-01-06 to 12-31-07



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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

TO: THE OFFICIALS OF KANKAKEE TOWNSHIP, LAPORTE COUNTY, INDIANA

We have examined the financial information presented herein of Kankakee Township (Township), for the period of January 1, 2005 to December 31, 2006. 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, 2005 and 2006, based on the criteria set forth in the uniform compliance guidelines established by the Indiana State Board of Accounts.

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August 30, 2007

KANKAKEE TOWNSHIP, LAPORTE COUNTY
SCHEDULES OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND CASH AND INVESTMENT BALANCES
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES
As Of And For The Years Ended December 31, 2005 And 2006

	Cash and Investments 01-01-05	Receipts	Disbursements	Cash and Investments 12-31-05
Governmental Funds:				
Township	\$ 6,270	\$ 22,729	\$ 25,597	\$ 3,402
Dog	945	1,586	765	1,766
Township Assistance	3,641	593	2,850	1,384
Firefighting	22,458	133,226	149,897	5,787
Fire Debt	26,245	78,252	67,872	36,625
Riverboat	7,804	13,633	6,277	15,160
Cumulative Fire	<u>61,952</u>	<u>29,129</u>	<u>29,585</u>	<u>61,496</u>
Totals	<u>\$ 129,315</u>	<u>\$ 279,148</u>	<u>\$ 282,843</u>	<u>\$ 125,620</u>

	Cash and Investments 01-01-06	Receipts	Disbursements	Cash and Investments 12-31-06
Governmental Funds:				
Township	\$ 3,402	\$ 24,178	\$ 25,678	\$ 1,902
Dog	1,766	1,752	1,466	2,052
Township Assistance	1,384	2,404	2,246	1,542
Firefighting	5,787	133,778	136,833	2,732
Levy Excess	-	3,959	-	3,959
Fire Debt	36,625	66,804	69,617	33,812
Riverboat	15,160	16,804	2,703	29,261
Cumulative Fire	<u>61,496</u>	<u>29,023</u>	<u>13,987</u>	<u>76,532</u>
Totals	<u>\$ 125,620</u>	<u>\$ 278,702</u>	<u>\$ 252,530</u>	<u>\$ 151,792</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial information.

KANKAKEE TOWNSHIP, LAPORTE 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.

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.

Note 6. Subsequent Event

Tax Levies and Rates for 2007

Due to delays caused by trending of assessments, the assessed valuations of LaPorte County have not been finalized. Therefore, the 2006 pay 2007 property tax rates and levies, as well as related budget orders for 2007, have not yet been established as of August 20, 2007.

KANKAKEE TOWNSHIP, LAPORTE COUNTY
EXAMINATION RESULT AND COMMENT

RECEIPT ISSUANCE

The Township does not have a duplicate receipt book, and does not issue receipts for funds collected.

Receipts shall be issued and recorded at the time of the transaction; for example, when cash or a check is received, a receipt is to be immediately prepared and given to the person making payment. (Accounting and Uniform Compliance Guidelines Manual for Townships, Chapter 13)

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)

KANKAKEE TOWNSHIP, LAPORTE COUNTY
EXIT CONFERENCE

The contents of this report were discussed on August 30, 2007, with Steve Lestinsky, Jr., Trustee.
The official concurred with our finding.