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EXAMINATION REPORT
OF
NEW WASHINGTON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
CLARK COUNTY, INDIANA
January 1, 2005 to December 31, 2006



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OFFICIALS

<u>Office</u>	<u>Official</u>	<u>Term</u>
Treasurer	Dale Brown	01-01-05 to 12-31-07
President of the Board	Robert L. Fields	01-01-05 to 12-31-07



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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

TO: THE OFFICIALS OF THE NEW WASHINGTON FIRE
PROTECTION DISTRICT, CLARK COUNTY, INDIANA

We have examined the financial information presented herein of the New Washington Fire Protection District (District), for the period of January 1, 2005 to December 31, 2006. The District'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 District 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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November 20, 2007

NEW WASHINGTON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
 SCHEDULES OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND CASH AND INVESTMENT BALANCES
 GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPE
 As Of And For The Years Ended December 31, 2005 And 2006

	<u>Cash and Investments 01-01-05</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>	<u>Cash and Investments 12-31-05</u>
Governmental Fund: General	<u>\$ 67,181</u>	<u>\$ 204,094</u>	<u>\$ 266,130</u>	<u>\$ 5,145</u>
	<u>Cash and Investments 01-01-06</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>	<u>Cash and Investments 12-31-06</u>
Governmental Fund: General	<u>\$ 5,145</u>	<u>\$ 262,679</u>	<u>\$ 244,695</u>	<u>\$ 23,129</u>

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

NEW WASHINGTON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
NOTES TO FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Note 1. Introduction

The District was established under the laws of the State of Indiana. The District provides the following service: public safety.

Note 2. Fund Accounting

The District 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 District 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.

NEW WASHINGTON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
NOTES TO FINANCIAL INFORMATION
(Continued)

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 District 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. Contractual Obligation

The District did not receive the entire amount of property tax distributions from the County Treasurer as of December 31, 2006. As a result, the District was unable to make full payment on the 2006 fire protection contract with the New Washington Volunteer Fire Department. The unpaid balance on the contract at December 31, 2006, was \$52,750. The balance on the contract was, subsequently, paid by the District during 2007.

Note 7. Short-Term Loan

On July 31, 2007, the District took out a short-term loan in the amount of \$80,150 in order to meet current budget needs, due to the delay in receiving their property tax distributions. The loan has an interest rate of 6.50% and matures on January 15, 2008. The District anticipates repaying this loan once they receive their property tax distribution from the County Treasurer.

NEW WASHINGTON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
EXIT CONFERENCE

The contents of this report were discussed on November 20, 2007, with Dale Brown, Treasurer; and Paula Schindler, Bookkeeper. Our examination disclosed no material items that warrant comment at this time.