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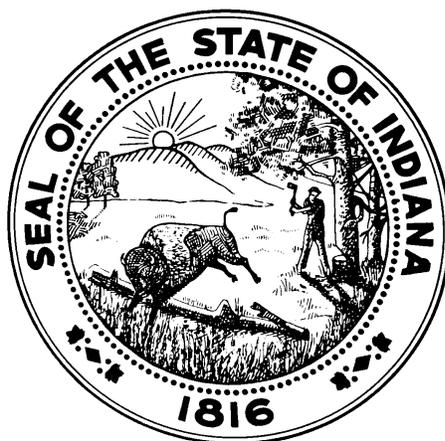
EXAMINATION REPORT

OF

JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP

CASS COUNTY, INDIANA

January 1, 2006 to December 31, 2007



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OFFICIALS

Office

Official

Term

Trustee

Jeffrey W. McClain

02-17-04 to 12-31-10

Chairman of the  
Township Board

Steven L. Temple

01-01-06 to 12-31-08



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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

TO: THE OFFICIALS OF JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP, CASS COUNTY, INDIANA

We have examined the financial information presented herein of Jefferson Township (Township), for the period of January 1, 2006 to December 31, 2007. 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, 2006 and 2007, based on the criteria set forth in the uniform compliance guidelines established by the Indiana State Board of Accounts.

STATE BOARD OF ACCOUNTS

February 19, 2008

JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP, CASS COUNTY  
SCHEDULES OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND CASH AND INVESTMENT BALANCES  
ALL GOVERNMENTAL TYPES  
As Of And For The Years Ended December 31, 2006 And 2007

	Cash and Investments 01-01-06	Receipts	Disbursements	Cash and Investments 12-31-06
Governmental Funds:				
Township	\$ 16,996	\$ 4,060	\$ 7,334	\$ 13,722
Dog	388	137	88	437
Township Assistance	3,081	3,840	1,449	5,472
Firefighting	1,207	21,833	21,112	1,928
Cumulative Fire	36,290	10,668	2,810	44,148
Totals	<u>\$ 57,962</u>	<u>\$ 40,538</u>	<u>\$ 32,793</u>	<u>\$ 65,707</u>

	Cash and Investments 01-01-07	Receipts	Disbursements	Cash and Investments 12-31-07
Governmental Funds:				
Township	\$ 13,722	\$ 5,031	\$ 7,886	\$ 10,867
Dog	437	-	437	-
Township Assistance	5,472	6,194	456	11,210
Firefighting	1,928	26,753	23,863	4,818
Cumulative Fire	44,148	15,405	19,426	40,127
Levy Excess	-	997	-	997
Totals	<u>\$ 65,707</u>	<u>\$ 54,380</u>	<u>\$ 52,068</u>	<u>\$ 68,019</u>

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

JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP, CASS 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.

JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP, CASS COUNTY  
EXAMINATION RESULTS AND COMMENTS

OFFICIAL BONDS

The following official bonds were not filed in the Office of the County Recorder:

Jeffrey W. McClain, Trustee

Indiana Code 5-4-1-5.1(b) states in part: "Every elected or appointed officer, official, deputy, or employee of a political subdivision . . . shall file the bond in the office of the county recorder. . . ."

ADVANCE PAYMENTS

The Trustee was paid the 2007 rent and salary on January 1, 2007.

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 Township, Chapter 13)

Indiana Code 5-7-3-1 states: "(a) Public officers may not draw or receive their salaries in advance."

PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS

Payments to the Township Trustee and the Clerk were made without payroll deductions for taxes.

Political subdivisions are required to comply with all grant agreements, rules, regulations, bulletins, directives, letters, letter rulings, and filing requirements concerning reports and other procedural matters of federal and state agencies, including opinions of the Attorney General of the State of Indiana, and court decisions. Governmental units should file accurate reports required by federal and state agencies. Noncompliance may require corrective action. (Accounting and Uniform Compliance Guidelines Manual for Townships, Chapter 13)

Officials and employees have the duty to pay claims and remit taxes in a timely fashion. Failure to pay claims or remit taxes in a timely manner could be an indicator of serious financial problems which should be investigated by the governmental unit.

Additionally, officials and employees have a responsibility to perform duties in a manner which would not result in any unreasonable fees being assessed against the governmental unit.

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)

JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP, CASS COUNTY  
EXAMINATION RESULTS AND COMMENTS  
(Continued)

CONDITION OF RECORDS

The following deficiencies relating to the recordkeeping were noted. A similar comment was in prior audit report.

- (1) Record balances were not reconciled to depository balances.

Indiana Code 5-13-6-1(e) states in part: "All local investment officers shall reconcile at least monthly the balance of public funds, as disclosed by the records of the local officers, with the balance statements provided by the respective depositories."

At all times, the manual and/or computerized records, subsidiary ledgers, control ledger, and reconciled bank balance should agree. If the reconciled bank balance is less than the subsidiary or control ledgers, then the responsible official or employee may be held personally responsible for the amount needed to balance the fund. (Accounting and Uniform Compliance Guidelines Manual for Townships, Chapter 13)

- (2) There were a considerable number of posting errors. These errors included checks not recorded and interest not posted. Controls over the receipting, disbursing, recording, and accounting for the financial activities are necessary to avoid substantial risk of invalid transactions, inaccurate records and financial statements and incorrect decision making. (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)

DEPOSIT OF PUBLIC FUNDS

The Trustee was making deposits only twice a year.

Indiana Code 5-13-6-1(c) states in part: "The public funds collected by township trustees shall be deposited in the designated depository on or before the first and fifteenth day of each month."

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Several payments were observed which did not contain adequate supporting documentation, such as receipts, invoices, and other public records. Due to the lack of supporting information, the validity and accountability for some money disbursed could not be established.

Supporting documentation such as receipts, canceled checks, tickets, invoices, bills, contracts, and other public records must be available for audit to provide supporting information for the validity and accountability of monies disbursed. Payments without supporting documentation may be the personal obligation of the responsible official or employee. (Accounting and Uniform Compliance Guidelines Manual for Townships, Chapter 13)

JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP, CASS COUNTY  
EXIT CONFERENCE

The contents of this report were discussed on February 19, 2008, with Jeffrey W. McClain, Trustee. The official concurred with our findings.