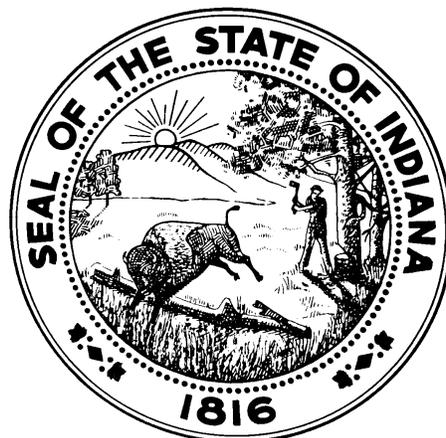


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EXAMINATION REPORT
OF
MONROE TOWNSHIP
PULASKI COUNTY, INDIANA
January 1, 2006 to December 31, 2007



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OFFICIALS

| <u>Office</u> | <u>Official</u> | <u>Term</u> |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|
| Trustee | Alexsondra Haschel | 01-01-03 to 12-31-10 |
| Chairman of the Township Board | Kent Kruzick Jenny Shank-Maxwell | 01-01-06 to 12-31-07 01-01-07 to 12-31-08 |



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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

TO: THE OFFICIALS OF MONROE TOWNSHIP, PULASKI COUNTY, INDIANA

We have examined the financial information presented herein of Monroe 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 5, 2008

MONROE TOWNSHIP, PULASKI COUNTY
SCHEDULES OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND CASH AND INVESTMENT BALANCES
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND 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 | \$ 73,687 | \$ 24,362 | \$ 17,379 | \$ 80,670 |
| Dog | 556 | 269 | 267 | 558 |
| Township Assistance | 22,845 | 2,886 | 5,613 | 20,118 |
| Firefighting | 105,924 | 52,048 | 53,129 | 104,843 |
| Totals | <u>\$ 203,012</u> | <u>\$ 79,565</u> | <u>\$ 76,388</u> | <u>\$ 206,189</u> |

| | Cash and Investments 01-01-07 | Receipts | Disbursements | Cash and Investments 12-31-07 |
|---------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Governmental Funds: | | | | |
| Township | \$ 80,670 | \$ 12,727 | \$ 16,345 | \$ 77,052 |
| Dog | 558 | - | - | 558 |
| Township Assistance | 20,118 | 2,092 | 4,646 | 17,564 |
| Firefighting | 104,843 | 19,903 | 53,129 | 71,617 |
| Totals | <u>\$ 206,189</u> | <u>\$ 34,722</u> | <u>\$ 74,120</u> | <u>\$ 166,791</u> |

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

MONROE TOWNSHIP, PULASKI 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.

MONROE TOWNSHIP, PULASKI COUNTY
EXAMINATION RESULTS AND COMMENTS

ADVANCE PAYMENTS

Dates of transactions indicate that some payments were made to individuals prior to the receipt of services. The Trustee and Deputy Trustee had both received their entire salary in 2006 and 2007 by November of each year. The Township Board members were paid in August for the full year's service in 2006 and 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 Townships, Chapter 13)

DISBURSEMENT DOCUMENTATION

Some payments were observed which did not contain adequate supporting documentation such as receipts and invoices.

Due to the lack of supporting information, the validity and accountability for some monies disbursed could not be established.

A similar comment was made in prior Report B28129

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)

OFFICIAL BOND

The following official bond was not filed in the Office of the County Recorder:

Alexsondra Haschel, Trustee for year of 2007

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 . . ."

CONTRACTS

Records presented for examination indicate payments were made for cemetery care in 2006 and 2007 without a contract.

Payments made or received for contractual services should be supported by a written contract. Each governmental unit is responsible for complying with the provisions of its contracts. (Accounting and Uniform Compliance Guidelines Manual for Townships, Chapter 13)

MONROE TOWNSHIP, PULASKI COUNTY
EXIT CONFERENCE

The contents of this report were discussed on February 5, 2008, with Alexsondra Haschel, Trustee. The official concurred with our findings.