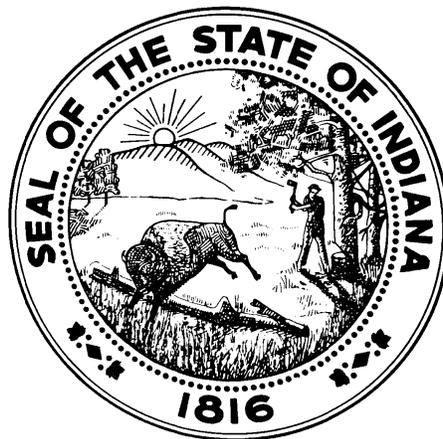


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EXAMINATION REPORT
OF
VAN BUREN TOWNSHIP
PULASKI COUNTY, INDIANA
January 1, 2006 to December 31, 2007



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Official

Term

Trustee

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01-01-06 to 12-31-10

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

TO: THE OFFICIALS OF VAN BUREN TOWNSHIP, PULASKI COUNTY, INDIANA

We have examined the financial information presented herein of Van Buren 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.

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February 4, 2008

VAN BUREN 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	\$ 26,304	\$ 34,419	\$ 33,766	\$ 26,957
Dog	434	203	170	467
Township Assistance	4,902	1,700	1,088	5,514
Firefighting	27,299	17,666	25,318	19,647
Levy Excess	-	619	-	619
Cumulative Fire	48,787	50,516	125	99,178
Totals	<u>\$ 107,726</u>	<u>\$ 105,123</u>	<u>\$ 60,467</u>	<u>\$ 152,382</u>

	Cash and Investments 01-01-07	Receipts	Disbursements	Cash and Investments 12-31-07
Governmental Funds:				
Township	\$ 26,957	\$ 28,465	\$ 38,312	\$ 17,110
Dog	467	-	467	-
Township Assistance	5,514	742	113	6,143
Firefighting	19,647	11,807	30,785	669
Levy Excess	619	-	-	619
Cumulative Fire	99,178	7,531	20,000	86,709
Donations, Rents, and Interest	-	6,557	-	6,557
Totals	<u>\$ 152,382</u>	<u>\$ 55,102</u>	<u>\$ 89,677</u>	<u>\$ 117,807</u>

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

VAN BUREN 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, 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.

VAN BUREN TOWNSHIP, PULASKI COUNTY
EXAMINATION RESULTS AND COMMENTS

DEPOSIT OF PUBLIC FUNDS

We noted instances where the Trustee was holding county distributions up to six weeks before depositing.

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."

APPROPRIATIONS

The records presented for examination indicated the following expenditures in excess of budgeted appropriations:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Excess Amount Expended</u>
Cumulative Fire	2007	<u>\$ 11,000</u>

Indiana Code 6-1.1-18-4 states in part: ". . . the proper officers of a political subdivision shall appropriate funds in such a manner that the expenditures for a year do not exceed its budget for that year as finally determined under this article."

SALES TAX

Sales tax was paid for some purchases.

Governmental funds generally are exempt from the payment of sales tax on qualifying purchases. Respective tax agencies should always be contacted concerning tax exemptions and payments. (Accounting and Uniform Compliance Guidelines Manual for Townships, Chapter 13)

VAN BUREN TOWNSHIP, PULASKI COUNTY
EXIT CONFERENCE

The contents of this report were discussed on February 4, 2008, with James B. Gould, Trustee.
The official concurred with our findings.