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EXAMINATION REPORT

OF

WALKER TOWNSHIP

JASPER COUNTY, INDIANA

January 1, 2006 to December 31, 2007



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OFFICIALS

<u>Office</u>	<u>Official</u>	<u>Term</u>
Trustee	Eldon H. Jeffries	01-01-06 to 12-31-10
Chairman of the Township Board	Marva Barrett	01-01-06 to 12-31-06
	David Whitaker	01-01-07 to 12-31-07
	David Hohner	01-01-08 to 12-31-08



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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

TO: THE OFFICIALS OF WALKER TOWNSHIP, JASPER COUNTY, INDIANA

We have examined the financial information presented herein of Walker 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.

The Schedule of Capital Assets, as listed in the Table of Contents, is presented for additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial information. It has not been subjected to the examination procedures applied to the basic financial information and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

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February 19, 2008

WALKER TOWNSHIP, JASPER 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	\$ 146,179	\$ 35,345	\$ 19,803	\$ 161,721
Dog	502	255	757	-
Township Assistance	31,217	977	2,550	29,644
Firefighting	64,011	46,737	28,604	82,144
Rainy Day	1,421	-	-	1,421
Levy Excess	2,562	1,643	919	3,286
Cumulative Fire	67,076	28,562	562	95,076
Totals	<u>\$ 312,968</u>	<u>\$ 113,519</u>	<u>\$ 53,195</u>	<u>\$ 373,292</u>

	Cash and Investments 01-01-07	Receipts	Disbursements	Cash and Investments 12-31-07
Governmental Funds:				
Township	\$ 161,721	\$ 14,539	\$ 21,439	\$ 154,821
Township Assistance	29,644	1,171	1,555	29,260
Firefighting	82,144	31,123	25,000	88,267
Rainy Day	1,421	4,120	-	5,541
Levy Excess	3,286	-	1,643	1,643
Cumulative Fire	95,076	6,796	57,186	44,686
Totals	<u>\$ 373,292</u>	<u>\$ 57,749</u>	<u>\$ 106,823</u>	<u>\$ 324,218</u>

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

WALKER TOWNSHIP, JASPER 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.

WALKER TOWNSHIP, JASPER COUNTY
 SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
 SCHEDULE OF CAPITAL ASSETS
 For The Year Ended December 31, 2007

Capital assets are reported at actual or estimated historical cost based on appraisals or deflated current replacement cost. Contributed or donated assets are reported at estimated fair value at the time received.

<u>Primary Government</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
Governmental activities:	
Capital assets, not being depreciated:	
Land	\$ 56,686
Machinery and equipment	<u>86,132</u>
 Total governmental activities, capital assets not being depreciated	 <u><u>\$ 142,818</u></u>

WALKER TOWNSHIP, JASPER COUNTY
EXAMINATION RESULT AND COMMENT

FEDERAL AND STATE AGENCIES – COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS

The Township did not comply with the directives of the Internal Revenue Service by not issuing 1099 (Miscellaneous Income) for the Clerk for \$2,400 for office rent in 2006 and 2007 and for Cemetery Care for \$1,835 in 2006 and \$1,680 in 2007.

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)

Each governmental unit is responsible for compliance with all rules, regulations, guidelines, and directives of the Internal Revenue Service and the Indiana Department of Revenue. All questions concerning taxes should be directed to these agencies. (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)

WALKER TOWNSHIP, JASPER COUNTY
EXIT CONFERENCE

The contents of this report were discussed on February 19, 2008, with Eldon H. Jeffries, Trustee.
The official concurred with our finding.