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EXAMINATION REPORT

OF

LIBERTY TOWNSHIP

WHITE COUNTY, INDIANA

January 1, 2006 to December 31, 2007



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OFFICIALS

Office

Official

Term

Trustee

Walter Hough

01-01-03 to 12-31-10

Chairman of the
Township Board

Steven Carter
David Carter
Steven Carter

01-01-06 to 12-31-06
01-01-07 to 12-31-07
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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

TO: THE OFFICIALS OF LIBERTY TOWNSHIP, WHITE COUNTY, INDIANA

We have examined the financial information presented herein of Liberty 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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March 11, 2008

LIBERTY TOWNSHIP, WHITE 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				
Dog	\$ 6,839	\$ 61,535	\$ 51,812	\$ 16,562
Township Assistance	143	169	177	135
Firefighting	11,858	14,250	13,153	12,955
Park and Recreation	9,048	44,114	49,687	3,475
Cumulative Fire	9,069	7,998	8,660	8,407
Landfill Host Agreement	23,067	100,000	70,904	52,163
	<u>970,193</u>	<u>204,948</u>	<u>350,958</u>	<u>824,183</u>
Totals	<u>\$ 1,030,217</u>	<u>\$ 433,014</u>	<u>\$ 545,351</u>	<u>\$ 917,880</u>

	Cash and Investments 01-01-07	Receipts	Disbursements	Cash and Investments 12-31-07
Governmental Funds:				
Township				
Dog	\$ 16,562	\$ 75,163	\$ 78,603	\$ 13,122
Township Assistance	135	-	135	-
Firefighting	12,955	-	10,227	2,728
Park and Recreation	3,475	32,304	31,645	4,134
Cumulative Fire	8,407	911	5,550	3,768
Landfill Host Agreement	52,163	-	43,994	8,169
Mosquito	824,183	381,825	176,348	1,029,660
	<u>-</u>	<u>40,000</u>	<u>36,560</u>	<u>3,440</u>
Totals	<u>\$ 917,880</u>	<u>\$ 530,203</u>	<u>\$ 383,062</u>	<u>\$ 1,065,021</u>

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

LIBERTY TOWNSHIP, WHITE 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.

LIBERTY TOWNSHIP, WHITE COUNTY
NOTES TO FINANCIAL INFORMATION
(Continued)

Note 6. Pension Plan

Public Employees' Retirement Fund

Plan Description

The Township contributes to the Indiana Public Employees' Retirement Fund (PERF), a defined benefit pension plan. PERF is an agent multiple-employer public employee retirement system, which provides retirement benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. All full-time employees are eligible to participate in this defined benefit plan. State statutes (IC 5-10.2 and 5-10.3) govern, through the PERF Board, most requirements of the system, and give the Township authority to contribute to the plan. The PERF retirement benefit consists of the pension provided by employer contributions plus an annuity provided by the member's annuity savings account. The annuity savings account consists of members' contributions, set by state statute at 3% of compensation, plus the interest credited to the member's account. The employer may elect to make the contributions on behalf of the member.

PERF administers the plan and issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for the plan as a whole and for its participants. That report may be obtained by contacting:

Public Employees' Retirement Fund
Harrison Building, Room 800
143 West Market Street
Indianapolis, IN 46204
Ph. (317) 233-4162

Funding Policy and Annual Pension Cost

The contribution requirements of the plan members for PERF are established by the Board of Trustees of PERF.

LIBERTY TOWNSHIP
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:	
Machinery and equipment	<u>\$ 464,426</u>

LIBERTY TOWNSHIP, WHITE COUNTY
EXAMINATION RESULTS AND COMMENTS

PRESCRIBED FORMS

The following prescribed forms were not in use or not use in the manner prescribed:

Township Form 1C, Financial and Appropriation Record

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)

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>
Township	2007	<u>\$ 4,104</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."

DONATIONS

The Township donated \$5,800 in 2006 and \$8,350 in 2007 to various organizations.

Governmental funds should not be donated or given to other organizations, individuals, or governmental units unless specifically authorized by statute. (Accounting and Uniform Compliance Guidelines Manual for Townships, Chapter 13)

Public funds may not be used to pay for personal items or for expenses which do not relate to the functions and purposes of the governmental unit. Any personal expenses paid by the governmental entity may be the personal obligation of the responsible official or employee. (Accounting and Uniform Compliance Guidelines Manual for Townships, Chapter 13)

LIBERTY TOWNSHIP, WHITE COUNTY
EXIT CONFERENCE

The contents of this report were discussed on March 11, 2008, with Walter Hough, Trustee. The official concurred with our findings.