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EXAMINATION REPORT

OF

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP

WAYNE COUNTY, INDIANA

January 1, 2006 to December 31, 2007



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OFFICIALS

<u>Office</u>	<u>Official</u>	<u>Term</u>
Trustee	John L. Roll Donald W. Berger	01-01-03 to 12-31-06 01-01-07 to 12-31-10
Chairman of the Township Board	Robert White	01-01-06 to 12-31-08



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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

TO: THE OFFICIALS OF FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP, WAYNE COUNTY, INDIANA

We have examined the financial information presented herein of Franklin 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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September 22, 2008

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP, WAYNE 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	\$ 14,971	\$ 11,904	\$ 11,864	\$ 15,011
Dog	465	197	662	-
Township Assistance	14,736	4,985	5,591	14,130
Rainy Day	1,077	-	1,077	-
Firefighting	21,569	30,592	27,529	24,632
Levy Excess	690	524	-	1,214
Totals	<u>\$ 53,508</u>	<u>\$ 48,202</u>	<u>\$ 46,723</u>	<u>\$ 54,987</u>

	Cash and Investments 01-01-07	Receipts	Disbursements	Cash and Investments 12-31-07
Governmental Funds:				
Township	\$ 15,011	\$ 8,232	\$ 12,678	\$ 10,565
Township Assistance	14,130	26	1,351	12,805
Firefighting	24,632	1,259	27,122	(1,231)
Levy Excess	1,214	-	524	690
Totals	<u>\$ 54,987</u>	<u>\$ 9,517</u>	<u>\$ 41,675</u>	<u>\$ 22,829</u>

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

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP, WAYNE 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.

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP, WAYNE COUNTY
EXAMINATION RESULTS AND COMMENTS

DONATIONS

The Township donated \$2,000 each year to the Northeastern Senior Center for 2006 and 2007.

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)

OVERDRAWN FUND BALANCES

The Firefighting Fund was overdrawn at December 31, 2007, by \$1,231.

The balance of any fund may not be reduced below zero. (Accounting and Uniform Compliance Guidelines Manual for Townships, Chapter 13)

LIST OF EMPLOYEES NOT FILED WITH COUNTY TREASURER

Officials or employees of the Township had money due from the Township, but a list of such employees was not certified to the County Treasurer.

Indiana Code 6-1.1-22-14(a) states in part: "On or before June 1 and December 1 of each year . . . the disbursing officer of each political subdivision . . . shall certify the names and addresses of each person who has money due from the political subdivision to the treasurer of each county in which the political subdivision is located."

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP, WAYNE COUNTY
EXIT CONFERENCE

The contents of this report were discussed on September 22, 2008, with Donald W. Berger, Trustee. The official concurred with our findings.