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



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OFFICIALS

<u>Office</u>	<u>Official</u>	<u>Term</u>
Trustee	Joseph Mogan Paul Hackett	01-01-03 to 12-31-06 01-01-07 to 12-31-10
Chairman of the Township Board	Paul Hackett Joseph Mogan	01-01-06 to 12-31-06 01-01-07 to 12-31-08



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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

TO: THE OFFICIALS OF VAN BUREN TOWNSHIP, CLAY 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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October 7, 2008

VAN BUREN TOWNSHIP, CLAY COUNTY  
SCHEDULES OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND CASH AND INVESTMENT BALANCES  
ALL GOVERNMENTAL AND FIDUCIARY 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	\$ 183,420	\$ 40,221	\$ 40,735	\$ 182,906
Dog	962	158	-	1,120
Township Assistance	63,773	30,299	34,552	59,520
Firefighting	62,449	48,313	46,600	64,162
Fiduciary Fund:				
Payroll Withholdings	-	381	-	381
Totals	<u>\$ 310,604</u>	<u>\$ 119,372</u>	<u>\$ 121,887</u>	<u>\$ 308,089</u>

	Cash and Investments 01-01-07	Receipts	Disbursements	Cash and Investments 12-31-07
Governmental Funds:				
Township	\$ 182,906	\$ 6,641	\$ 44,436	\$ 145,111
Dog	1,120	-	1,120	-
Township Assistance	59,520	31,765	53,282	38,003
Firefighting	64,162	86,527	26,300	124,389
Rainy Day	-	4,597	-	4,597
Fiduciary Fund:				
Payroll Withholdings	381	-	-	381
Totals	<u>\$ 308,089</u>	<u>\$ 129,530</u>	<u>\$ 125,138</u>	<u>\$ 312,481</u>

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

VAN BUREN TOWNSHIP, CLAY 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, CLAY COUNTY  
EXAMINATION RESULTS AND COMMENTS

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 Assistance	2006	<u>\$ 9,223</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."

CERTIFIED REPORT NOT FILED

The Township did not file a certified report of compensation of officers and employees (Form 100-R or its equivalent) with the State Board of Accounts for the year 2006.

Indiana Code 5-11-13-1 states in part: "Every state, county, city, town, township, or school official . . . shall during the month of January of each year prepare, make, and sign a written or printed certified report, correctly and completely showing the names and addresses of each and all officers, employees, and agents . . . and the respective duties and compensation of each, and shall forthwith file said report in the office of the state examiner of the state board of accounts."

VAN BUREN TOWNSHIP, CLAY COUNTY  
EXIT CONFERENCE

The contents of this report were discussed on October 7, 2008, with Paul Hackett, Trustee. The official concurred with our findings.