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EXAMINATION REPORT  
OF  
FOREST TOWNSHIP  
CLINTON COUNTY, INDIANA  
January 1, 2006 to December 31, 2007



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OFFICIALS

<u>Office</u>	<u>Official</u>	<u>Term</u>
Trustee	Mathew McQuinn	01-01-03 to 12-31-10
Chairman of the Township Board	Brett Sauer	01-01-06 to 12-31-06
	Michael Tate	01-01-07 to 12-31-07
	Beverly Eppley	01-01-08 to 12-31-08



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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

TO: THE OFFICIALS OF FOREST TOWNSHIP, CLINTON COUNTY, INDIANA

We have examined the financial information presented herein of Forest 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.

STATE BOARD OF ACCOUNTS

October 22, 2008

FOREST TOWNSHIP, CLINTON 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	\$ 44,145	\$ 36,213	\$ 34,602	\$ 45,756
Dog	426	123	126	423
Township Assistance	14,488	4,652	1,382	17,758
Firefighting	46,921	41,373	37,505	50,789
Park and Recreation	11,243	-	567	10,676
Rainy Day	2,225	-	-	2,225
Levy Excess	-	2,167	-	2,167
Cumulative Fire	26,646	8,442	318	34,770
Totals	<u>\$ 146,094</u>	<u>\$ 92,970</u>	<u>\$ 74,500</u>	<u>\$ 164,564</u>

	Cash and Investments 01-01-07	Receipts	Disbursements	Cash and Investments 12-31-07
Governmental Funds:				
Township	\$ 45,756	\$ 22,785	\$ 23,075	\$ 45,466
Dog	423	-	423	-
Township Assistance	17,758	863	1,714	16,907
Firefighting	50,789	29,802	35,399	45,192
Park and Recreation	10,676	-	500	10,176
Rainy Day	2,225	-	-	2,225
Levy Excess	2,167	299	2,167	299
Cumulative Fire	34,770	5,238	41	39,967
Totals	<u>\$ 164,564</u>	<u>\$ 58,987</u>	<u>\$ 63,319</u>	<u>\$ 160,232</u>

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

FOREST TOWNSHIP, CLINTON 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.

FOREST TOWNSHIP, CLINTON COUNTY  
EXIT CONFERENCE

The contents of this report were discussed on October 23, 2008, with Mathew McQuinn, Trustee. Our examination disclosed no material items that warrant comment at this time.