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EXAMINATION REPORT  
OF  
OWEN 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	William J. Ticen Richard T. Ryan	01-01-03 to 12-31-06 01-01-07 to 12-31-10
Chairman of the Township Board	James R. Unger Lewis B. Flohr III	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 OWEN TOWNSHIP, CLINTON COUNTY, INDIANA

We have examined the financial information presented herein of Owen 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

November 5, 2008

OWEN 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	\$ 22,078	\$ 26,950	\$ 27,479	\$ 21,549
Dog	557	192	257	492
Township Assistance	20,525	-	-	20,525
Firefighting	58,815	19,125	12,951	64,989
Rainy Day	1,560	-	-	1,560
Levy Excess	-	1,283	-	1,283
Cumulative Fire	-	9,510	-	9,510
Totals	<u>\$ 103,535</u>	<u>\$ 57,060</u>	<u>\$ 40,687</u>	<u>\$ 119,908</u>

	Cash and Investments 01-01-07	Receipts	Disbursements	Cash and Investments 12-31-07
Governmental Funds:				
Township	\$ 21,549	\$ 21,783	\$ 30,824	\$ 12,508
Dog	492	-	492	-
Township Assistance	20,525	-	1,115	19,410
Firefighting	64,989	10,405	14,627	60,767
Rainy Day	1,560	5,700	-	7,260
Levy Excess	1,283	735	-	2,018
Cumulative Fire	9,510	5,084	151	14,443
Totals	<u>\$ 119,908</u>	<u>\$ 43,707</u>	<u>\$ 47,209</u>	<u>\$ 116,406</u>

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

OWEN 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. 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.

OWEN TOWNSHIP, CLINTON COUNTY  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL INFORMATION  
(Continued)

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.

Note 6. Subsequent Event

Owen Township is assuming a portion of the cost of a new building being erected by the Rossville Volunteer Fire Department. Construction is scheduled to begin in the fall of 2008, with the total project expected to cost \$594,693. Owen Township's portion will be \$127,442.71. The Township passed a resolution on September 2, 2008, allowing them to incur indebtedness of up to \$60,000 to help pay for the Firefighting housing loan. The remaining \$67,442.71 will be paid with monies in the Firefighting Fund, the Cumulative Fire Fund, and the Rainy Day Fund.

OWEN TOWNSHIP, CLINTON COUNTY  
EXIT CONFERENCE

The contents of this report were discussed on November 5, 2008, with Richard Ryan, Trustee. Our examination disclosed no material items that warrant comment at this time.