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EXAMINATION REPORT
OF
LICKING TOWNSHIP
BLACKFORD COUNTY, INDIANA
January 1, 2006 to December 31, 2007



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OFFICIALS

<u>Office</u>	<u>Official</u>	<u>Term</u>
Trustee	Judy L. Trees Chris Holtzleiter	01-01-03 to 12-31-06 01-01-07 to 12-31-10
Chairman of the Township Board	Brian R. Ludwig Jake Holsten	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 LICKING TOWNSHIP, BLACKFORD COUNTY, INDIANA

We have examined the financial information presented herein of Licking 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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November 26, 2008

LICKING TOWNSHIP, BLACKFORD 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	\$ 38,075	\$ 32,140	\$ 22,803	\$ 47,412
Township Assistance	226,510	133,807	91,479	268,838
Firefighting	124,842	51,874	28,545	148,171
Dog	802	512	1,314	-
Library	11,044	7,545	4,002	14,587
Levy Excess	190	-	190	-
Fiduciary Fund:				
Payroll Withholdings	503	2,928	3,019	412
Totals	<u>\$ 401,966</u>	<u>\$ 228,806</u>	<u>\$ 151,352</u>	<u>\$ 479,420</u>

	Cash and Investments 01-01-07	Receipts	Disbursements	Cash and Investments 12-31-07
Governmental Funds:				
Township	\$ 47,412	\$ 63,307	\$ 23,184	\$ 87,535
Township Assistance	268,838	125,857	93,145	301,550
Firefighting	148,171	20,118	105,161	63,128
Cumulative Fire	-	8,000	8,000	-
Library	14,587	7,645	4,370	17,862
Fiduciary Fund:				
Payroll Withholdings	412	2,927	3,019	320
Totals	<u>\$ 479,420</u>	<u>\$ 227,854</u>	<u>\$ 236,879</u>	<u>\$ 470,395</u>

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

LICKING TOWNSHIP, BLACKFORD 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.

LICKING TOWNSHIP, BLACKFORD COUNTY
EXAMINATION RESULT AND COMMENT

PENALTIES, INTEREST, AND OTHER CHARGES

Penalties and interest totaling \$26.17 was paid to the Indiana Department of Revenue for late payment of payroll taxes for the first quarter of 2007.

Officials and employees have the duty to pay claims and remit taxes in a timely fashion . . .

Any penalties, interest or other charges paid by the governmental unit may be the personal obligation of the responsible official or employee. (Accounting and Uniform Compliance Guidelines Manual for Townships, Chapter 13)

LICKING TOWNSHIP, BLACKFORD COUNTY
EXIT CONFERENCE

The contents of this report were discussed on November 26, 2008, with Chris Holtzleiter, Trustee; and Jacob H. Holsten, Chairman of the Township Board. The officials concurred with our finding.