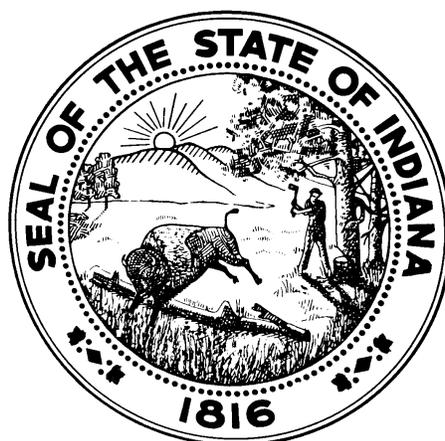


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EXAMINATION REPORT
OF
RICHLAND TOWNSHIP
DEKALB COUNTY, INDIANA
January 1, 2006 to December 31, 2007



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OFFICIALS

Office

Official

Term

Trustee

Edison Shippy

01-01-03 to 12-31-10

Chairman of the
Township Board

David Albright

01-01-06 to 12-31-08



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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

TO: THE OFFICIALS OF RICHLAND TOWNSHIP, DEKALB COUNTY, INDIANA

We have examined the financial information presented herein of Richland 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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January 9, 2009

RICHLAND TOWNSHIP, DEKALB 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	\$ 9,771	\$ 14,061	\$ 17,865	\$ 5,967
Dog	808	686	1,494	-
Township Assistance	15,488	276	1,912	13,852
Firefighting	3,498	6,620	9,500	618
Totals	<u>\$ 29,565</u>	<u>\$ 21,643</u>	<u>\$ 30,771</u>	<u>\$ 20,437</u>

	Cash and Investments 01-01-07	Receipts	Disbursements	Cash and Investments 12-31-07
Governmental Funds:				
Township	\$ 5,967	\$ 19,664	\$ 17,175	\$ 8,456
Township Assistance	13,852	-	1,183	12,669
Firefighting	618	14,089	12,000	2,707
Rainy Day	-	74	-	74
Totals	<u>\$ 20,437</u>	<u>\$ 33,827</u>	<u>\$ 30,358</u>	<u>\$ 23,906</u>

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

RICHLAND TOWNSHIP, DEKALB 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.

RICHLAND TOWNSHIP, DEKALB COUNTY
EXAMINATION RESULTS AND COMMENTS

BOARD MINUTES

Minutes of the meetings of the governing body for 2007 were not presented for examination.

IC 5-14-1.5-4(b) states:

"As the meeting progresses, the following memoranda shall be kept:

- (1) The date, time, and place of the meeting.
- (2) The members of the governing body recorded as either present or absent.
- (3) The general substance of all matters proposed, discussed, or decided.
- (4) A record of all votes taken, by individual members if there is a roll call.
- (5) Any additional information required under IC 5-1.5-2-2.5 or IC 20-12-63-7."

TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE'S ANNUAL REPORT

The Township Trustee's Report of Receipts and Disbursements for the calendar year 2006 (Form 15) was not prepared.

The Township Trustee's Report of Receipts and Disbursements for the Calendar Year is an abstract report of receipts and disbursements for the calendar year. The annual report shall be prepared, verified, and filed with the State Board of Accounts within 30 days after the close of each fiscal year. The report must be published, within four weeks after the third Tuesday after the first Monday in January, one time in accordance with IC 5-3-1. (Accounting and Uniform Compliance Guidelines Manual for Townships, Chapter 2)

RICHLAND TOWNSHIP, DEKALB COUNTY
EXIT CONFERENCE

The contents of this report were discussed on January 9, 2009, with Judy Hart, Township Clerk. The Township Clerk was representing the Trustee, Edison Shippy, because he was unavailable for medical reasons. The official concurred with our findings.