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EXAMINATION REPORT
OF
RAILROAD TOWNSHIP
STARKE COUNTY, INDIANA
January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2008



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OFFICIALS

<u>Office</u>	<u>Official</u>	<u>Term</u>
Trustee	Katherine Chaffins	01-01-07 to 12-31-10
Chairman of the Township Board	Clarence E. Gehrke	01-01-07 to 12-31-09



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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

TO: THE OFFICIALS OF RAILROAD TOWNSHIP, STARKE COUNTY, INDIANA

We have examined the financial information presented herein of Railroad Township (Township), for the period of January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2008. 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, 2007 and 2008, based on the criteria set forth in the uniform compliance guidelines established by the Indiana State Board of Accounts.

The Schedule of Long-Term Debt, as listed in the Table of Contents, is presented for additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial information. It has not been subjected to the examination procedures applied to the basic financial information and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

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March 18, 2009

RAILROAD TOWNSHIP, STARKE COUNTY
SCHEDULES OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND CASH AND INVESTMENT BALANCES
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES
As Of And For The Years Ended December 31, 2007 And 2008

	Cash and Investments 01-01-07	Receipts	Disbursements	Cash and Investments 12-31-07
Governmental Funds:				
Township	\$ 10,694	\$ 35,033	\$ 33,743	\$ 11,984
Dog	457	-	457	-
Township Assistance	7,345	9,975	4,345	12,975
Firefighting	10,836	74,945	59,540	26,241
Levy Excess	1,126	10,125	-	11,251
Cumulative Fire	9,644	9,849	10,555	8,938
Totals	<u>\$ 40,102</u>	<u>\$ 139,927</u>	<u>\$ 108,640</u>	<u>\$ 71,389</u>

	Cash and Investments 01-01-08	Receipts	Disbursements	Cash and Investments 12-31-08
Governmental Funds:				
Township	\$ 11,984	\$ 35,543	\$ 32,451	\$ 15,076
Township Assistance	12,975	3,569	3,697	12,847
Firefighting	26,241	65,561	48,720	43,082
Levy Excess	11,251	-	-	11,251
Cumulative Fire	8,938	9,354	13,215	5,077
Totals	<u>\$ 71,389</u>	<u>\$ 114,027</u>	<u>\$ 98,083</u>	<u>\$ 87,333</u>

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

RAILROAD TOWNSHIP, STARKE 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, 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.

RAILROAD TOWNSHIP, STARKE COUNTY
 SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
 SCHEDULE OF LONG-TERM DEBT
 December 31, 2008

The Township has entered into the following debt:

Description of Debt	Ending Principal Balance	Principal and Interest Due Within One Year
Governmental Activities:		
Notes and loans payable		
04 Fire Truck	\$ 5,549	\$ 5,705
02 Rescue Truck	<u>23,728</u>	<u>7,509</u>
Total governmental activities debt	<u>\$ 29,277</u>	<u>\$ 13,214</u>

RAILROAD TOWNSHIP, STARKE COUNTY
EXAMINATION RESULTS AND COMMENTS

OFFICIAL BOND

The following official bond was not filed in the Office of the County Recorder:

Katherine Chaffins, Trustee, 01-01-08 to 12-31-08

IC 5-4-1-5.1(b) states in part:

"Every elected or appointed officer, official, deputy, or employee of a political subdivision . . . shall file the bond in the office of the county recorder. . . ."

CAPITAL ASSET RECORDS

Information presented for examination did not indicate an inventory or record of capital assets using Form 369. A similar comment was noted in prior Report B29737.

Every governmental unit should have a complete inventory of all capital assets owned which reflects their acquisition value. Such inventory should be recorded on the applicable Capital Asset Ledger. A complete inventory should be taken at least every two years for good internal control and for verifying account balances carried in the accounting records. (Accounting and Uniform Compliance Guidelines Manual for Townships, Chapter 13)

RAILROAD TOWNSHIP, STARKE COUNTY
EXIT CONFERENCE

The contents of this report were discussed on March 18, 2009, with Katherine Chaffins, Trustee. The official concurred with our findings.