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EXAMINATION REPORT

OF

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP

WAYNE COUNTY, INDIANA

January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2009



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OFFICIALS

Office

Official

Term

Trustee

Donald Berger

01-01-07 to 12-31-10

Chairman of the  
Township Board

Robert White

01-01-08 to 12-31-10



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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

TO: THE OFFICIALS OF FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP, WAYNE COUNTY, INDIANA

We have examined the financial information presented herein of Franklin Township (Township), for the period of January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2009. 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, 2008 and 2009, based on the criteria set forth in the uniform compliance guidelines established by the Indiana State Board of Accounts.

STATE BOARD OF ACCOUNTS

March 18, 2010

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP, WAYNE COUNTY  
SCHEDULES OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND CASH AND INVESTMENT BALANCES  
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES  
As Of And For The Years Ended December 31, 2008 And 2009

	Cash and Investments 01-01-08	Receipts	Disbursements	Cash and Investments 12-31-08
Governmental Funds:				
Township	\$ 10,565	\$ 16,038	\$ 12,611	\$ 13,992
Township Assistance	12,805	5,166	3,325	14,646
Firefighting	(1,231)	51,438	27,936	22,271
Levy Excess	690	-	-	690
	<u>        </u>	<u>        </u>	<u>        </u>	<u>        </u>
Totals	<u>\$ 22,829</u>	<u>\$ 72,642</u>	<u>\$ 43,872</u>	<u>\$ 51,599</u>
	Cash and Investments 01-01-09	Receipts	Disbursements	Cash and Investments 12-31-09
Governmental Funds:				
Township	\$ 13,992	\$ 16,093	\$ 13,065	\$ 17,020
Township Assistance	14,646	5,448	4,844	15,250
Firefighting	22,271	49,937	27,936	44,272
Levy Excess	690	-	-	690
	<u>        </u>	<u>        </u>	<u>        </u>	<u>        </u>
Totals	<u>\$ 51,599</u>	<u>\$ 71,478</u>	<u>\$ 45,845</u>	<u>\$ 77,232</u>

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

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP, WAYNE 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.

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP, WAYNE COUNTY  
EXAMINATION RESULT AND COMMENT

PRESCRIBED FORMS

The Township's annual report did not agree with the ledger. Auto and excise tax for the Township Assistance Fund was reported in the Firefighting Fund and the auto and excise tax for the Firefighting Fund was reported as the Township Assistance Fund. Additionally, postings made to the Total All Funds columns were not carried to the individual fund columns causing the amounts reported by fund in the Township ledger to be incorrect and not reconcile with the bank statement by \$512.

Officials and employees are required to use State Board of Accounts prescribed or approved forms in the manner prescribed. (Accounting and Uniform Compliance Guidelines Manual for Townships, Chapter 13)

At all times, the manual and/or computerized records, subsidiary ledgers, control ledger, and reconciled bank balance should agree. If the reconciled bank balance is less than the subsidiary or control ledgers, then the responsible official or employee may be held personally responsible for the amount needed to balance the fund. (Accounting and Uniform Compliance Guidelines Manual for Townships, Chapter 13)

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP, WAYNE COUNTY  
EXIT CONFERENCE

The contents of this report were discussed on March 18, 2010, with Donald Berger, Trustee.