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EXAMINATION REPORT
OF
RIPLEY TOWNSHIP
RUSH COUNTY, INDIANA
January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2009



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OFFICIALS

Office

Official

Term

Trustee

Marlene Eickhoff

01-01-07 to 12-31-10

Chairman of the
Township Board

Foster Wilson

01-01-08 to 12-31-10



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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

TO: THE OFFICIALS OF RIPLEY TOWNSHIP, RUSH COUNTY, INDIANA

We have examined the financial information presented herein of Ripley 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.

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March 31, 2010

RIPLEY TOWNSHIP, RUSH 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	\$ 101,411	\$ 36,131	\$ 54,571	\$ 82,971
Township Assistance	3,482	42,278	38,858	6,902
Firefighting	42,715	26,466	17,305	51,876
Library	1,202	7,848	8,058	992
Levy Excess	-	366	366	-
Totals	<u>\$ 148,810</u>	<u>\$ 113,089</u>	<u>\$ 119,158</u>	<u>\$ 142,741</u>

	Cash and Investments 01-01-09	Receipts	Disbursements	Cash and Investments 12-31-09
Governmental Funds:				
Township	\$ 82,971	\$ 16,598	\$ 46,306	\$ 53,263
Township Assistance	6,902	55,712	58,220	4,394
Firefighting	51,876	29,210	26,153	54,933
Library	992	10,677	10,000	1,669
Totals	<u>\$ 142,741</u>	<u>\$ 112,197</u>	<u>\$ 140,679</u>	<u>\$ 114,259</u>

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

RIPLEY TOWNSHIP, RUSH 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.

RIPLEY TOWNSHIP, RUSH COUNTY
EXAMINATION RESULTS AND COMMENTS

LIST OF EMPLOYEES NOT FILED WITH COUNTY TREASURER

Officials or employees of the Township had money due from the Township, but a list of such employees was not certified to the County Treasurer.

IC 6-1.1-22-14(a) states in part: "On or before June 1 and December 1 of each year . . . the disbursing officer of each political subdivision . . . shall certify the names and addresses of each person who has money due the person from the political subdivision to the treasurer of each county in which the political subdivision is located."

ANNUAL REPORT

An annual report for 2009 was not timely filed electronically.

IC 5-11-1-4 states:

"The state examiner shall require from every municipality and every state or local governmental unit, entity, or instrumentality financial reports covering the full period of each fiscal year. These reports shall be prepared, verified, and filed with the state examiner not later than sixty (60) days after the close of each fiscal year. The reports must be filed electronically, in a manner prescribed by the state examiner that is compatible with the technology employed by the political subdivision."

Political subdivisions are required to comply with all grant agreements, rules, regulations, bulletins, directives, letters, letter rulings, and filing requirements concerning reports and other procedural matters of federal and state agencies, including opinions of the Attorney General of the State of Indiana, and court decisions. Governmental units should file accurate reports required by federal and state agencies. Noncompliance may require corrective action. (Accounting and Uniform Compliance Guidelines Manual for Townships, Chapter 13)

APPROPRIATIONS

Records presented for examination indicated the following expenditures in excess of budgeted appropriations:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Excess Amount Expended</u>
Township Assistance	2008	<u>\$ 9,228</u>

IC 6-1.1-18-4 states in part: ". . . the proper officers of a political subdivision shall appropriate funds in such a manner that the expenditures for a year do not exceed its budget for that year as finally determined under this article."

RIPLEY TOWNSHIP, RUSH COUNTY
EXIT CONFERENCE

The contents of this report were discussed on March 31, 2010, with Marlene Eickhoff, Trustee. The official concurred with our findings.