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EXAMINATION REPORT  
OF  
PIERCE TOWNSHIP  
WASHINGTON COUNTY, INDIANA  
January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2009



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01-01-07 to 12-31-10

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

TO: THE OFFICIALS OF PIERCE TOWNSHIP, WASHINGTON COUNTY, INDIANA

We have examined the financial information presented herein of Pierce Township (Township), for the period of January 1, 2007 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, 2007, 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

April 5, 2010

PIERCE TOWNSHIP, WASHINGTON COUNTY  
SCHEDULES OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND CASH AND INVESTMENT BALANCES  
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES  
As Of And For The Years Ended December 31, 2007, 2008, And 2009

	Cash and Investments 01-01-07	Receipts	Disbursements	Cash and Investments 12-31-07
Governmental Funds:				
Township	\$ 48,396	\$ 22,175	\$ 19,494	\$ 51,077
Dog	341	-	341	-
Township Assistance	10,389	3,371	3,323	10,437
Firefighting	11,430	12,843	15,000	9,273
Cumulative Fire	223	9,111	-	9,334
Rainy Day	465	1,351	-	1,816
Totals	<u>\$ 71,244</u>	<u>\$ 48,851</u>	<u>\$ 38,158</u>	<u>\$ 81,937</u>

	Cash and Investments 01-01-08	Receipts	Disbursements	Cash and Investments 12-31-08
Governmental Funds:				
Township	\$ 51,077	\$ 21,860	\$ 19,358	\$ 53,579
Township Assistance	10,437	3,205	3,308	10,334
Firefighting	9,273	11,971	16,000	5,244
Cumulative Fire	9,334	8,521	-	17,855
Rainy Day	1,816	1,185	-	3,001
Totals	<u>\$ 81,937</u>	<u>\$ 46,742</u>	<u>\$ 38,666</u>	<u>\$ 90,013</u>

	Cash and Investments 01-01-09	Receipts	Disbursements	Cash and Investments 12-31-09
Governmental Funds:				
Township	\$ 53,579	\$ 34,999	\$ 19,152	\$ 69,426
Township Assistance	10,334	8,271	4,045	14,560
Firefighting	5,244	28,606	16,000	17,850
Cumulative Fire	17,855	17,767	-	35,622
Rainy Day	3,001	-	-	3,001
Totals	<u>\$ 90,013</u>	<u>\$ 89,643</u>	<u>\$ 39,197</u>	<u>\$ 140,459</u>

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

PIERCE TOWNSHIP, WASHINGTON 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.

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.

PIERCE TOWNSHIP, WASHINGTON COUNTY  
EXAMINATION RESULT AND COMMENT

PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS

Social Security and Medicare taxes were not withheld from the wages paid to the Township Board members during the examination period.

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)

Officials and employees have the duty to pay claims and remit taxes in a timely fashion. Failure to pay claims or remit taxes in a timely manner could be an indicator of serious financial problems which should be investigated by the governmental unit.

Additionally officials and employees have a responsibility to perform duties in a manner which would not result in any unreasonable fees being assessed against the governmental unit.

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)

Each governmental unit is responsible for compliance with all rules, regulations, guidelines, and directives of the Internal Revenue Service and the Indiana Department of Revenue. All questions concerning taxes should be directed to these agencies. (Accounting and Uniform Compliance Guidelines Manual for Townships, Chapter 13)

PIERCE TOWNSHIP, WASHINGTON COUNTY  
EXIT CONFERENCE

The contents of this report were discussed on April 5, 2010, with Frank W. Gottbrath, Trustee.  
The official concurred with our finding.