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EXAMINATION REPORT  
OF  
BETHLEHEM TOWNSHIP  
CASS COUNTY, INDIANA  
January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2009



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OFFICIALS

Office

Official

Term

Trustee

Marilyn Liming

01-01-07 to 12-31-10

Chairman of the  
Township Board

Alan Liming  
Tim Cowell  
Dale Skinner

01-01-08 to 12-31-08  
01-01-09 to 12-31-09  
01-01-10 to 12-31-10



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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

TO: THE OFFICIALS OF BETHLEHEM TOWNSHIP, CASS COUNTY, INDIANA

We have examined the financial information presented herein of Bethlehem 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 30, 2010

BETHLEHEM TOWNSHIP, CASS 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	\$ 5,850	\$ 11,815	\$ 10,677	\$ 6,988
Township Assistance	4,288	2,251	1,698	4,841
Firefighting	24,222	18,449	11,650	31,021
Rainy Day	-	310	39	271
Levy Excess	210	-	-	210
Cumulative Fire	<u>9,688</u>	<u>9,670</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>9,358</u>
Totals	<u>\$ 44,258</u>	<u>\$ 42,495</u>	<u>\$ 34,064</u>	<u>\$ 52,689</u>

	Cash and Investments 01-01-09	Receipts	Disbursements	Cash and Investments 12-31-09
Governmental Funds:				
Township	\$ 6,988	\$ 15,151	\$ 10,944	\$ 11,195
Township Assistance	4,841	4,744	1,032	8,553
Firefighting	31,021	28,187	12,523	46,685
Rainy Day	271	214	-	485
Levy Excess	210	-	210	-
Cumulative Fire	<u>9,358</u>	<u>13,550</u>	<u>1,900</u>	<u>21,008</u>
Totals	<u>\$ 52,689</u>	<u>\$ 61,846</u>	<u>\$ 26,609</u>	<u>\$ 87,926</u>

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

BETHLEHEM TOWNSHIP, CASS 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.

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.

BETHLEHEM TOWNSHIP, CASS COUNTY  
EXAMINATION RESULTS AND COMMENTS

DONATIONS

The Township donated \$600 to the 4-H leaders in 2008 and 2009. A similar comment appeared in the prior Report B31811.

Governmental funds should not be donated or given to other organizations, individuals, or governmental units unless specifically authorized by statute. (Accounting and Uniform Compliance Guidelines Manual for Townships, Chapter 13)

BANK ACCOUNT RECONCILIATIONS

Depository reconciliations of the fund balances to the bank account balances were not presented for examination.

IC 5-13-6-1(e) states: "All local investment officers shall reconcile at least monthly the balance of public funds, as disclosed by the records of the local officers, with the balance statements provided by the respective depositories."

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)

BETHLEHEM TOWNSHIP, CASS COUNTY  
EXIT CONFERENCE

The contents of this report were discussed on March 30, 2010, with Alan Liming, Township Board member. The official concurred with our findings.