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EXAMINATION REPORT  
OF  
WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP  
PUTNAM COUNTY, INDIANA  
January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2009



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OFFICIALS

Office

Official

Term

Trustee

James C. Sheldon

01-01-07 to 12-31-10

Chairman of the  
Township Board

Dorman Owen

01-01-08 to 12-31-10



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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

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

We have examined the financial information presented herein of Washington 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

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP, PUTNAM 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	\$ 5,655	\$ 20,557	\$ 29,662	\$ (3,450)
Township Assistance	5,936	7,674	10,548	3,062
Firefighting	1,727	19,606	23,761	(2,428)
Levy Excess	657	-	-	657
Cumulative Fire	51,904	11,523	-	63,427
Rainy Day	-	1,746	1,746	-
Totals	<u>\$ 65,879</u>	<u>\$ 61,106</u>	<u>\$ 65,717</u>	<u>\$ 61,268</u>

	Cash and Investments 01-01-09	Receipts	Disbursements	Cash and Investments 12-31-09
Governmental Funds:				
Township	\$ (3,450)	\$ 44,301	\$ 27,587	\$ 13,264
Township Assistance	3,062	5,707	5,263	3,506
Firefighting	(2,428)	28,973	24,573	1,972
Levy Excess	657	-	657	-
Cumulative Fire	63,427	18,549	10,800	71,176
Totals	<u>\$ 61,268</u>	<u>\$ 97,530</u>	<u>\$ 68,880</u>	<u>\$ 89,918</u>

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

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP, PUTNAM 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 received 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.

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP, PUTNAM COUNTY  
EXAMINATION RESULTS AND COMMENTS

OFFICIAL BOND

The Trustee did not purchase a rider on the 2009 bond to be in compliance with IC 5-4-1-18. Additionally, the 2010 bond is a renewal or continuation certificate.

Effective July 1, 2009, IC 5-4-1-18 states in part:

"(c) Except as provided in subsections (h) and (i), the fiscal bodies of the respective units shall fix the amount of the bond of . . . township trustees . . . as follows:

- (1) The amount of annual coverage must equal thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) for each one million dollars (\$1,000,000) of receipts of the officer's office during the last complete fiscal year before the purchase of the bond, subject to subdivision (2).
- (2) The amount of annual coverage may not be less than thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) nor more than three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) unless the fiscal body approves a greater amount of annual coverage for the officer or employee. . . ."

The State Board of Accounts is of the audit position in order to comply with the changes made in Public Law 176 effective July 1, 2009, governments will have to purchase riders on their current bond coverage for the remainder of the calendar year; and beginning January 1, 2010, will have to provide annual bond coverage. We are also of the audit position a new bond should be obtained for each year and continuation certificates or renewals should not be used in lieu of obtaining a new bond. (Township Bulletin and Uniform Compliance Guidelines Vol. 286)

PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS

Payments to the Township Board members were made without payroll deductions for taxes.

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)

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP, PUTNAM COUNTY  
EXAMINATION RESULTS AND COMMENTS  
(Continued)

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)

OVERDRAWN FUND BALANCES

The Township Fund and Firefighting Fund were overdrawn in 2008.

The balance of any fund may not be reduced below zero. Routinely overdrawn funds could be an indicator of serious financial problems which should be investigated by the governmental unit. (Accounting and Uniform Compliance Guidelines Manual for Townships, Chapter 13)

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP, PUTNAM COUNTY  
EXIT CONFERENCE

The contents of this report were discussed on March 30, 2010, with James C. Sheldon, Trustee.  
The official concurred with our findings.