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EXAMINATION REPORT
OF
EUGENE TOWNSHIP
VERMILLION COUNTY, INDIANA
January 1, 2009 to December 31, 2009



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OFFICIALS

Office

Official

Term

Trustee

Cary L. Jones

01-01-07 to 12-31-10

Chairman of the
Township Board

Earl Morgan

01-01-09 to 12-31-10



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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

TO: THE OFFICIALS OF EUGENE TOWNSHIP, VERMILLION COUNTY, INDIANA

We have examined the financial information presented herein of Eugene Township (Township), for the period of January 1, 2009 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 year ended December 31, 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

EUGENE TOWNSHIP, VERMILLION COUNTY
SCHEDULES OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND CASH AND INVESTMENT BALANCES
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES
As Of And For The Year Ended December 31, 2009

	Cash and Investments 01-01-09	Receipts	Disbursements	Cash and Investments 12-31-09
Governmental Funds:				
Township	\$ 3,368	\$ 39,922	\$ 25,870	\$ 17,420
Township Assistance	2,452	34,822	34,327	2,947
Firefighting	18,107	41,216	39,475	19,848
Cumulative Fire	<u>126,023</u>	<u>89,075</u>	<u>168,629</u>	<u>46,469</u>
Totals	<u>\$ 149,950</u>	<u>\$ 205,035</u>	<u>\$ 268,301</u>	<u>\$ 86,684</u>

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

EUGENE TOWNSHIP, VERMILLION 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.

EUGENE TOWNSHIP, VERMILLION COUNTY
EXAMINATION RESULTS AND COMMENTS

OFFICIAL BOND

The Trustee's official bond for the examination period was a continuation certificate rather than a new bond; in addition, the bond was for \$15,000 rather than the minimum of \$30,000.

Until July 1, 2009, IC 5-4-1-18 stated in part:

"(c) The fiscal bodies of the respective units shall fix the amount of the bond of . . . township trustees . . . as follows:

- (1) The amount must equal fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) 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 may not be less than fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) nor more than three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) . . ."

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 continuation certificates or renewals should not be used in lieu of obtaining the required annual bond coverage. (Accounting and Uniform Compliance Guidelines Manual for Townships, Chapter 1)

EUGENE TOWNSHIP, VERMILLION COUNTY
EXAMINATION RESULTS AND COMMENTS
(Continued)

APPROPRIATIONS

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

Fund	Year	Excess Amount Expended
Township Assistance	2009	\$ 696
Firefighting	2009	10,775
Cumulative Fire	2009	36,636

IC 6-1.1-18-4 states: ". . . 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."

BANK ACCOUNT RECONCILIATIONS

Depository reconciliations of the fund balances to the bank account balances were incorrect at December 31, 2009. The reconciliation indicated a cash long of \$910.

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)

EUGENE TOWNSHIP, VERMILLION COUNTY
EXIT CONFERENCE

The contents of this report were discussed on April 5, 2010, with Cary L. Jones, Trustee. The official concurred with our findings.