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EXAMINATION REPORT
OF
LOST RIVER TOWNSHIP
MARTIN COUNTY, INDIANA
January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2009



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Office

Official

Term

Trustee

Alice D. Butler

01-01-07 to 12-31-10

Chairman of the
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William J. Lee
Keith Emmons

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



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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

TO: THE OFFICIALS OF LOST RIVER TOWNSHIP, MARTIN COUNTY, INDIANA

We have examined the financial information presented herein of Lost River 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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April 12, 2010

LOST RIVER TOWNSHIP, MARTIN 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	\$ 32,880	\$ 7,030	\$ 4,970	\$ 34,940
Township Assistance	11,420	2,272	971	12,721
Fire Fighting	13,411	5,439	7,500	11,350
Rainy Day	0	2,876	-	2,876
Fire Equipment	2,215	661	2,876	-
Cumulative Fire	<u>26,536</u>	<u>6,764</u>	<u>26,395</u>	<u>6,905</u>
Totals	<u>\$ 86,462</u>	<u>\$ 25,042</u>	<u>\$ 42,712</u>	<u>\$ 68,792</u>

	Cash and Investments 01-01-09	Receipts	Disbursements	Cash and Investments 12-31-09
Governmental Funds:				
Township	\$ 34,940	\$ 8,952	\$ 4,865	\$ 39,027
Township Assistance	12,721	2,426	1,258	13,889
Fire Fighting	11,350	8,499	7,500	12,349
Rainy Day	2,876	-	-	2,876
Cumulative Fire	<u>6,905</u>	<u>4,001</u>	<u>4,000</u>	<u>6,906</u>
Totals	<u>\$ 68,792</u>	<u>\$ 23,878</u>	<u>\$ 17,623</u>	<u>\$ 75,047</u>

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

LOST RIVER TOWNSHIP, MARTIN 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. 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.

LOST RIVER TOWNSHIP, MARTIN COUNTY
EXAMINATION RESULTS AND COMMENTS

CONDITION OF RECORDS

The following deficiencies relating to the recordkeeping were noted.

- (1) Record balances were not reconciled to depository balances.

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)

- (2) There were a considerable number of posting errors. These errors included deposits not receipted, checks and receipts not recorded in the proper amounts, interest not posted, and nonsufficient funds checks incorrectly posted.

Controls over the receipting, disbursing, recording, and accounting for the financial activities are necessary to avoid substantial risk of invalid transactions, inaccurate records and financial statements and incorrect decision making. (Accounting and Uniform Compliance Guidelines Manual for Townships, Chapter 13)

Officials and employees are required to use State Board of Accounts prescribed or approved forms in the manner prescribed. (Accounting and Uniform Compliance Guidelines Manual for Townships, Chapter 13)

A similar comment appeared in prior reports.

LOST RIVER TOWNSHIP, MARTIN COUNTY
EXAMINATION RESULTS AND COMMENTS
(Continued)

DEPOSIT OF PUBLIC FUNDS

There were instances where the Trustee was making deposits only once a month.

A similar comment appeared in prior reports.

IC 5-13-6-1(c) states in part: "The public funds collected by township trustees shall be deposited in the designated depository on or before the first and fifteenth day of each month."

ANNUAL REPORT

The Annual Reports for years 2008 and 2009 were not filed timely.

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."

LOST RIVER TOWNSHIP, MARTIN COUNTY
EXIT CONFERENCE

The contents of this report were discussed on April 12, 2010, with Mildred Brown, Secretary of the Township Board. She concurred with our findings.