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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS EXAMINATION REPORT

OF

PERRY TOWNSHIP

CLINTON COUNTY, INDIANA

January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2011



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SCHEDULE OF OFFICIALS

<u>Office</u>	<u>Official</u>	<u>Term</u>
Trustee	Constance Blacker	01-01-07 to 12-31-14
President of the Township Board	Phil Ramsey	01-01-10 to 12-31-12



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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

TO: THE OFFICIALS OF PERRY TOWNSHIP, CLINTON COUNTY, INDIANA

We have examined the accompanying financial statements of Perry Township (Township), for the years ended December 31, 2010 and 2011. The financial statements are the responsibility of the Township's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial statements 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 statements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our examination provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As discussed in Note 1, the Township prepares its financial statements on the prescribed basis of accounting that demonstrates compliance with the reporting requirements established by the State Board of Accounts as allowed by state statute (IC 5-11-1-6), which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The basis noted above is a different basis than that used in the prior year.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position and results of operations of the Township for the years ended December 31, 2010 and 2011, on the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

Our examination was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the Township's financial statements. The Combining Schedules of Receipts, Disbursements, and Cash and Investment Balances – Regulatory Basis, Schedule of Debt, and Schedule of Capital Assets, as listed in the Table of Contents, are presented for additional analysis and are not required parts of the financial statements. They have not been subjected to the examination procedures applied to the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on them.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Township's management, Township Board, and others within the entity and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties. In accordance with Indiana Code 5-11-5-1, this report is a part of the public records of the State Board of Accounts and of the office examined.

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October 25, 2012

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial statements and accompanying notes were approved by management of the Township. The financial statements and notes are presented as intended by the Township.

PERRY TOWNSHIP, CLINTON COUNTY
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND CASH AND INVESTMENT BALANCES -
REGULATORY BASIS
For The Year Ended December 31, 2010

Fund	Cash and Investments 01-01-10	Receipts	Disbursements	Cash and Investments 12-31-10
Township	\$ 1,373	\$ 28,583	\$ 21,696	\$ 8,260
Township Assistance	(6,396)	22,179	10,997	4,786
Fire Fighting	(8,341)	68,575	54,001	6,233
Fire Debt	36,453	46,391	65,744	17,100
Levy Excess	-	292	-	292
Rainy Day	2,406	-	-	2,406
Totals	<u>\$ 25,495</u>	<u>\$ 166,020</u>	<u>\$ 152,438</u>	<u>\$ 39,077</u>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

PERRY TOWNSHIP, CLINTON COUNTY
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND CASH AND INVESTMENT BALANCES -
REGULATORY BASIS
For The Year Ended December 31, 2011

Fund	Cash and Investments 01-01-11	Receipts	Disbursements	Cash and Investments 12-31-11
Township	\$ 8,260	\$ 18,419	\$ 21,630	\$ 5,049
Township Assistance	4,786	15,410	10,266	9,930
Fire Fighting	6,233	53,300	48,321	11,212
Rainy Day	2,406	-	-	2,406
Levy Excess	292	-	-	292
Equipment/Trucks	10,177	90,518	91,054	9,641
Fire Debt	6,923	21,826	17,395	11,354
Totals	<u>\$ 39,077</u>	<u>\$ 199,473</u>	<u>\$ 188,666</u>	<u>\$ 49,884</u>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

PERRY TOWNSHIP, CLINTON COUNTY
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

A. Reporting Entity

The Township was established under the laws of the State of Indiana. The Township operates under a township trustee/township board form of government and provides some or all of the following services: public safety (fire), health and social services (township assistance), and general administrative services (weed control).

The accompanying financial statements present the financial information for the Township.

B. Basis of Accounting

The financial statements are reported on a regulatory basis of accounting prescribed by the State Board of Accounts in accordance with state statute (IC 5-11-1-6), which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Receipts are recorded when received and disbursements are recorded when paid.

The regulatory basis of accounting differs from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America in that receipts are recognized when received in cash, rather than when earned, and disbursements are recognized when paid, rather than when a liability is incurred.

C. Cash and Investments

Investments are stated at cost. Any changes in fair value of the investments are reported as receipts in the year of the sale of the investment.

D. Receipts

Receipts are presented in the aggregate on the face of the financial statements. The aggregate receipts include the following sources:

Taxes which can include one or more of the following: property taxes, certified shares (local option tax), property tax replacement credit (local option tax), county option income tax, wheel tax, innkeepers tax, food and beverage tax, county economic development income tax, boat and trailer excise tax, county adjusted gross income tax, and other taxes that are set by the Township.

Intergovernmental receipts which include receipts from other governments in the form of operating grants, entitlements, or payments in lieu of taxes. Examples of this type of receipts include, but are not limited to: federal grants, state grants, cigarette tax distributions received from the state, motor vehicle highway distribution received from the state, local road and street distribution received from the state, financial institution tax received from the state, auto excise surtax received from the state, commercial vehicle excise tax received from the state, major moves distributions received from the state, and riverboat receipts received from the county.

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Charges for services which can include, but are not limited to the following: planning commission charges, building department charges, copies of public records, copy machine charges, accident report copies, gun permit applications, 911 telephone services, recycling fees, dog pound fees, emergency medical service fees, park rental fees, swimming pool receipts, cable tv receipts, ordinance violations, fines and fees, bond forfeitures, court costs, and court receipts.

Other receipts which include amounts received from various sources which can include, but are not limited to the following: net proceeds from borrowings; interfund loan activity; transfers authorized by statute, ordinance, resolution or court order; internal service receipts; and fiduciary receipts.

E. Disbursements

Disbursements are presented in the aggregate on the face of the financial statements. The aggregate disbursements include the following uses:

Personal services include outflows for salaries, wages, and related employee benefits provided for all persons employed. In those units where sick leave, vacation leave, over-time compensation, and other such benefits are appropriated separately, such payments would also be included.

Supplies which include articles and commodities that are entirely consumed and materially altered when used and/or show rapid depreciation after use for a short period of time. Examples of supplies include office supplies, operating supplies, and repair and maintenance supplies.

Other services and charges which include, but are not limited to: professional services, communication and transportation, printing and advertising, insurance, utility services, repairs and maintenance, and rental charges.

Capital outlay which include all outflows for land, infrastructure, buildings, improvements, and machinery and equipment having an appreciable and calculable period of usefulness.

Other disbursements which include, but are not limited to the following: interfund loan payments, loans made to other funds, internal service disbursements, and transfers out that are authorized by statute, ordinance, resolution, or court order.

F. Interfund Transfers

The Township may, from time to time, transfer money from one fund to another. These transfers, if any, are included as a part of the receipts and disbursements of the affected funds and as a part of total receipts and disbursements. The transfers are used for cash flow purposes as provided by various statutory provisions.

G. Fund Accounting

Separate funds are established, maintained, and reported by the Township. Each fund is used to account for money received from and used for specific sources and uses as determined by various regulations. Restrictions on some funds are set by statute while other funds are

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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internally restricted by the Township. The money accounted for in a specific fund may only be available for use for certain, legally restricted purposes. Additionally, some funds are used to account for assets held by the Township in a trustee capacity as an agent of individuals, private organizations, other funds, or other governmental units and therefore the funds cannot be used for any expenditures of the unit itself.

Note 2. Budgets

The operating budget is initially prepared and approved at the local level. The fiscal officer of the Township submits a proposed operating budget to the governing board for the following calendar year. The budget is advertised as required by law. Prior to adopting the budget, the governing board conducts public hearings and obtains taxpayer comments. Prior to November 1, the governing board approves the budget for the next year. The budget for funds for which property taxes are levied or highway use taxes are received is subject to final approval by the Indiana Department of Local Government Finance.

Note 3. Property Taxes

Property taxes levied are collected by the County Treasurer and are scheduled to be distributed to the Township in June and December; however, situations can arise which would delay the distributions. 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 percent 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 normally become delinquent if not paid by May 10 and November 10, respectively.

Note 4. Deposits and Investments

Deposits, made in accordance with state statute (IC 5-13), with financial institutions in the State of Indiana at year end should be 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 statutes authorize 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.

Note 5. Risk Management

The Township may be exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; job related illnesses or injuries to employees; medical benefits to employees, retirees, and dependents; and natural disasters.

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These risks can be mitigated through the purchase of insurance, establishment of a self-insurance fund, and/or participation in a risk pool. The purchase of insurance transfers the risk to an independent third party. The establishment of a self-insurance fund allows the Township to set aside money for claim settlements. The self-insurance fund would be included in the financial statements. The purpose of participation in a risk pool is to provide a medium for the funding and administration of the risks.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION – UNAUDITED

For additional financial information, the Township's 2010 Annual Report can be found on the Indiana Transparency Portal website: www.in.gov/itp/annual_reports/.

For additional financial information, the Township's 2011 Annual Report information can be found on the Gateway website: <https://gateway.ifionline.org/>.

Differences may be noted between the financial information presented in the financial statements contained in this report and the financial information presented in the Annual Reports of the Township which are referenced above. These differences, if any, are due to adjustments made to the financial information during the course of the examination. This is a common occurrence in any financial statement examination. The financial information presented in this report is examined information, and the accuracy of such information can be determined by reading the opinion given in the Independent Accountant's Report.

The supplementary information presented was approved by management of the Township. It is presented as intended by the Township.

PERRY TOWNSHIP, CLINTON COUNTY
 COMBINING SCHEDULE OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND
 CASH AND INVESTMENT BALANCES - REGULATORY BASIS
 For The Year Ended December 31, 2010

	Township	Township Assistance	Fire Fighting	Fire Debt	Levy Excess	Rainy Day	Totals
Cash and investments - beginning	\$ 1,373	\$ (6,396)	\$ (8,341)	\$ 36,453	\$ -	\$ 2,406	\$ 25,495
Receipts:							
Taxes	28,234	21,993	51,426	46,373	-	-	148,026
Charges for services	-	-	17,139	-	-	-	17,139
Other receipts	349	186	10	18	292	-	855
Total receipts	<u>28,583</u>	<u>22,179</u>	<u>68,575</u>	<u>46,391</u>	<u>292</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>166,020</u>
Disbursements:							
Personal services	12,892	-	-	-	-	-	12,892
Supplies	699	-	16,518	-	-	-	17,217
Other services and charges	8,105	297	34,975	-	-	-	43,377
Capital outlay	-	-	2,508	65,744	-	-	68,252
Other disbursements	-	10,700	-	-	-	-	10,700
Total disbursements	<u>21,696</u>	<u>10,997</u>	<u>54,001</u>	<u>65,744</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>152,438</u>
Excess (deficiency) of receipts over disbursements	<u>6,887</u>	<u>11,182</u>	<u>14,574</u>	<u>(19,353)</u>	<u>292</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13,582</u>
Cash and investments - ending	<u>\$ 8,260</u>	<u>\$ 4,786</u>	<u>\$ 6,233</u>	<u>\$ 17,100</u>	<u>\$ 292</u>	<u>\$ 2,406</u>	<u>\$ 39,077</u>

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 COMBINING SCHEDULE OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND
 CASH AND INVESTMENT BALANCES - REGULATORY BASIS
 For The Year Ended December 31, 2011

	Township	Township Assistance	Fire Fighting	Rainy Day	Levy Excess	Equipment/Trucks	Fire Debt	Totals
Cash and investments - beginning	\$ 8,260	\$ 4,786	\$ 6,233	\$ 2,406	\$ 292	\$ 10,177	\$ 6,923	\$ 39,077
Receipts:								
Taxes	16,131	13,938	31,171	-	-	29,237	20,255	110,732
Intergovernmental	1,908	1,472	4,476	-	-	2,145	1,571	11,572
Charges for services	380	-	17,653	-	-	-	-	18,033
Other receipts	-	-	-	-	-	59,136	-	59,136
Total receipts	<u>18,419</u>	<u>15,410</u>	<u>53,300</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>90,518</u>	<u>21,826</u>	<u>199,473</u>
Disbursements:								
Personal services	12,057	-	-	-	-	-	-	12,057
Supplies	836	-	15,692	-	-	-	-	16,528
Other services and charges	8,737	10,266	32,629	-	-	91,054	-	142,686
Other disbursements	-	-	-	-	-	-	17,395	17,395
Total disbursements	<u>21,630</u>	<u>10,266</u>	<u>48,321</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>91,054</u>	<u>17,395</u>	<u>188,666</u>
Excess (deficiency) of receipts over disbursements	<u>(3,211)</u>	<u>5,144</u>	<u>4,979</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(536)</u>	<u>4,431</u>	<u>10,807</u>
Cash and investments - ending	<u>\$ 5,049</u>	<u>\$ 9,930</u>	<u>\$ 11,212</u>	<u>\$ 2,406</u>	<u>\$ 292</u>	<u>\$ 9,641</u>	<u>\$ 11,354</u>	<u>\$ 49,884</u>

PERRY TOWNSHIP, CLINTON COUNTY
SCHEDULE OF DEBT
December 31, 2011

Description of Debt		Ending	Principal and
Type	Purpose	Principal	Interest Due
		Balance	Within One
			Year
Governmental activities:			
Notes and loans payable	Fire Building Loan	\$ 32,589	\$ 17,278
Notes and loans payable	Fire Equipment/Truck Loan	225,367	25,688
Notes and loans payable	Fire Truck / Chassis	<u>54,965</u>	<u>11,860</u>
Total governmental activities		<u>312,921</u>	<u>54,826</u>
Totals		<u><u>\$ 312,921</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 54,826</u></u>

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SCHEDULE OF CAPITAL ASSETS
December 31, 2011

Capital assets are reported at actual or estimated historical cost based on appraisals or deflated current replacement cost. Contributed or donated assets are reported at estimated fair value at the time received.

	<u>Ending Balance</u>
Governmental activities:	
Machinery, equipment and vehicles	<u>\$ 91,000</u>
Total capital assets	<u><u>\$ 91,000</u></u>

PERRY TOWNSHIP, CLINTON COUNTY
EXAMINATION RESULTS AND COMMENTS

BANK ACCOUNT RECONCILIATIONS

Depository reconciliations of the fund balances to the bank account balances were not presented for audit for the year 2010. The December 31, 2011 bank reconciliation indicated that reconciled bank balances were \$417.30 more than ledger balances. A review of bank and ledger activity for the months of December 2010 through February 2011 indicated that reconciled bank balances were more than ledger balances by \$416.76 at December 31, 2010.

Indiana Code 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."

PAYROLL REPORTING

The following conditions relating to payroll reporting were noted during the examination period:

1. In March of 2011, the Trustee paid \$162.59 in taxes and \$.47 in interest to the Internal Revenue Service for federal income taxes that were shown as withheld on the fourth quarter 2010 Employer's Quarterly Federal Tax Return. A review of payroll transactions of the Township for this quarter indicated that there no federal income taxes withheld from Township employees.
2. For the entire year of 2011, the Trustee withheld social security taxes from each employee at the rate of 6.2 percent of gross. In 2010, Congress passed the Tax Relief, Unemployment Insurance Reauthorization, and Job Creation Act of 2010, which reduced the amount of social security taxes that were to be withheld from the employees from 6.2 percent to 4.2 percent of gross wages for the 2011 calendar year. The extra withholdings from employees amounted to \$219 for 2011.
3. Gross wages as reported on the Employer's Quarterly Federal Tax Returns filed in 2010 were \$1,974.92 less than actual wages paid.

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)

PERRY TOWNSHIP, CLINTON COUNTY
EXIT CONFERENCE

The contents of this report were discussed on October 30, 2012, with Constance Blacker, Trustee.