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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS EXAMINATION REPORT

OF

RICHLAND TOWNSHIP

GRANT 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	Michael E. Mark	01-01-07 to 12-31-14
Chairman of the Township Board	John (Tom) Pearson	01-01-10 to 12-31-12



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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

TO: THE OFFICIALS OF RICHLAND TOWNSHIP, GRANT COUNTY, INDIANA

We have examined the accompanying financial statements of Richland 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 period.

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, 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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November 29, 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.

RICHLAND TOWNSHIP, GRANT 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	\$ 41,294	\$ 8,456	\$ 11,082	\$ 38,668
Township Assistance	11,932	7,897	8,046	11,783
Fire Fighting	<u>9,467</u>	<u>17,240</u>	<u>12,160</u>	<u>14,547</u>
Totals	<u>\$ 62,693</u>	<u>\$ 33,593</u>	<u>\$ 31,288</u>	<u>\$ 64,998</u>

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

RICHLAND TOWNSHIP, GRANT 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	\$ 38,668	\$ 8,291	\$ 10,408	\$ 36,551
Township Assistance	11,783	8,433	5,630	14,586
Fire Fighting	<u>14,547</u>	<u>16,773</u>	<u>14,000</u>	<u>17,320</u>
Totals	<u>\$ 64,998</u>	<u>\$ 33,497</u>	<u>\$ 30,038</u>	<u>\$ 68,457</u>

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

RICHLAND TOWNSHIP, GRANT 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), culture and recreation (parks and/or community centers), and general administrative services (weed and dog 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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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, overtime 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.

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 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

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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.

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.

## 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/](http://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.

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

	<u>Township</u>	<u>Township Assistance</u>	<u>Fire Fighting</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Cash and investments - beginning	\$ 41,294	\$ 11,932	\$ 9,467	\$ 62,693
Receipts:				
Taxes	8,323	7,721	17,212	33,256
Other receipts	<u>133</u>	<u>176</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>337</u>
Total receipts	<u>8,456</u>	<u>7,897</u>	<u>17,240</u>	<u>33,593</u>
Disbursements:				
Personal services	6,852	500	-	7,352
Supplies	515	-	-	515
Other services and charges	3,715	225	12,160	16,100
Other disbursements	<u>-</u>	<u>7,321</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,321</u>
Total disbursements	<u>11,082</u>	<u>8,046</u>	<u>12,160</u>	<u>31,288</u>
Excess (deficiency) of receipts over disbursements	<u>(2,626)</u>	<u>(149)</u>	<u>5,080</u>	<u>2,305</u>
Cash and investments - ending	<u>\$ 38,668</u>	<u>\$ 11,783</u>	<u>\$ 14,547</u>	<u>\$ 64,998</u>

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 COMBINING SCHEDULE OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND  
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 For The Year Ended December 31, 2011

	<u>Township</u>	<u>Township Assistance</u>	<u>Fire Fighting</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Cash and investments - beginning	\$ 38,668	\$ 11,783	\$ 14,547	\$ 64,998
Receipts:				
Taxes	7,562	7,763	10,104	25,429
Intergovernmental	651	670	6,669	7,990
Other receipts	<u>78</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>78</u>
Total receipts	<u>8,291</u>	<u>8,433</u>	<u>16,773</u>	<u>33,497</u>
Disbursements:				
Personal services	4,100	500	-	4,600
Supplies	225	-	-	225
Other services and charges	<u>6,083</u>	<u>5,130</u>	<u>14,000</u>	<u>25,213</u>
Total disbursements	<u>10,408</u>	<u>5,630</u>	<u>14,000</u>	<u>30,038</u>
Excess (deficiency) of receipts over disbursements	<u>(2,117)</u>	<u>2,803</u>	<u>2,773</u>	<u>3,459</u>
Cash and investments - ending	<u>\$ 36,551</u>	<u>\$ 14,586</u>	<u>\$ 17,320</u>	<u>\$ 68,457</u>

RICHLAND TOWNSHIP, GRANT COUNTY  
EXAMINATION RESULTS AND COMMENTS

**COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS**

In 2010, the Trustee received \$2,500 in salary from the Township Fund. This is the amount the Township Board approved on the Trustee's Budget Estimate. However, the salary approved on Resolution Establishing Salaries of Township Officers and Employees (Form 17) was \$2,245. Michael E. Mark, Trustee, will reduce his 2013 salary by \$255 to repay the Township.

The Trustee received \$500 in salary for each of the years 2010 and 2011 as the Township Assistance Investigator. There is no known statutory provision which allows a Township Trustee to contract with themselves to provide for township assistance investigations. The Trustee was informed that for the year 2013 any payments to himself as Township Assistance Investigator will be requested to be repaid to the Township.

Indiana Code 36-6-6-10 requires the township board to set the salaries; wages; rates of hourly pay; and remuneration other than statutory allowances of all township officials and employees, except assessing officials and employees, for the year 1985 and each year thereafter . . . A type of format for recording these salaries should be the existing format of Township Form No. 17. (Accounting and Uniform Compliance Guidelines Manual for Townships, Chapter 2)

Indiana Code 36-6-4-3 states in part: "The executive shall do the following . . . (7) Administer township assistance under IC 12-20 and IC 12-30-4."

Indiana Code 12-20-4-2 states:

"The township trustee of each township, in the trustee's official capacity as chief executive officer within the township, may do the following:

- (1) Employ supervisors, investigators, assistants, or other necessary employees in discharging the township trustee's duties concerning the provision of township assistance.
- (2) Fix the salaries or wages to be paid to the supervisors, investigators, assistants, or other necessary employees employed by the township trustee."

All compensation and benefits paid to officials and employees must be included in the labor contract, salary ordinance, resolution or salary schedule adopted by the governing body unless otherwise authorized by statute. Compensation should be made in a manner that will facilitate compliance with state and federal reporting requirements. (Accounting and Uniform Compliance Guidelines Manual for Townships, Chapter 17)

Compensation provided by a township board is all inclusive for all duties performed by a trustee. (Township Bulletin and Uniform Compliance Guidelines, February 2009)

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EXAMINATION RESULTS AND COMMENTS  
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***FEDERAL AND STATE AGENCIES - COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS***

The Township did not file quarterly Form 941 (Employer's Quarterly Federal Tax Return) or an annual Form 944 (Employer's Annual Federal Tax Return), nor did the Township issue Form W-2 (Wage and Tax Statement) to Township employees in 2010 and 2011. Also, the Township did not issue Form 1099 to the Trustee for office rent received and to an individual for cemetery care in 2010 and 2011. A similar comment appeared in prior Report B36081.

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)

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)

***CERTIFIED REPORT (FORM 100R) NOT TIMELY FILED***

The Township did not file a Certified Report of Names, Addresses, Duties and Compensation of Public Employees (Form 100R or its equivalent) with the State Board of Accounts on a timely basis. The report, which was due in January 2011, was filed April 28, 2011.

Indiana Code 5-11-13-1(a) states in part:

"Every . . . township . . . shall during the month of January of each year prepare, make, and sign a written or printed certified report, correctly and completely showing the names and addresses of each and all officers, employees . . . and the respective duties and compensation of each, and shall forthwith file said report in the office of the state examiner of the state board of accounts. . . ."

RICHLAND TOWNSHIP, GRANT COUNTY  
EXIT CONFERENCE

The contents of this report were discussed on November 29, 2012, with Michael E. Mark, Trustee.  
The official concurred with our findings.