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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS EXAMINATION REPORT

OF

STONEY CREEK TOWNSHIP

RANDOLPH 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	Julie Patty Janice Bradburn	08-11-09 to 12-31-10 01-01-11 to 12-31-14
Chairman of the Township Board	P. Michael Thomas	01-01-10 to 12-31-13



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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

TO: THE OFFICIALS OF STONEY CREEK TOWNSHIP, RANDOLPH COUNTY, INDIANA

We have examined the accompanying financial statements of Stoney Creek Township (Township), for the period of January 1, 2010 to December 31, 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 effects on the financial statements of the variances between these regulatory accounting practices and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, although not reasonably determinable, are presumed to be material. The basis noted above is a different basis than that used in the prior period.

In our opinion, because of the matter discussed in the preceding paragraph, the financial statements referred to above do not present fairly, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position and results of operations of the Township for the period of January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2011.

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 period of January 1, 2010 to December 31, 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.

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January 22, 2013

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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.

STONEY CREEK TOWNSHIP, RANDOLPH 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	\$ 51,326	\$ 26,004	\$ 16,631	\$ 60,699
Township Assistance	50,706	2,820	3,195	50,331
Fire Fighting	(3,965)	8,490	10,826	(6,301)
Levy Excess	-	283	-	283
Totals	<u>\$ 98,067</u>	<u>\$ 37,597</u>	<u>\$ 30,652</u>	<u>\$ 105,012</u>

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

STONEY CREEK TOWNSHIP, RANDOLPH 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	\$ 60,699	\$ 16,130	\$ 14,823	\$ 62,006
Township Assistance	50,331	10,257	2,877	57,711
Fire Fighting	(6,301)	8,249	9,641	(7,693)
Levy Excess	283	-	-	283
Totals	<u>\$ 105,012</u>	<u>\$ 34,636</u>	<u>\$ 27,341</u>	<u>\$ 112,307</u>

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

STONEY CREEK TOWNSHIP, RANDOLPH 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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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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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, 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.

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.

STONEY CREEK TOWNSHIP, RANDOLPH COUNTY
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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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.

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 Annual Reports for years prior to 2011 can be found on the Indiana Transparency Portal website: www.in.gov/itp/annual_reports/.

For additional financial information, the Township's Annual Report information for years 2011 and later 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.

STONEY CREEK TOWNSHIP, RANDOLPH 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>Levy Excess</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Cash and investments - beginning	\$ 51,326	\$ 50,706	\$ (3,965)	\$ -	\$ 98,067
Receipts:					
Taxes	25,588	2,820	8,490	80	36,978
Other receipts	<u>416</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>203</u>	<u>619</u>
Total receipts	<u>26,004</u>	<u>2,820</u>	<u>8,490</u>	<u>283</u>	<u>37,597</u>
Disbursements:					
Personal services	9,180	-	-	-	9,180
Supplies	268	-	-	-	268
Other services and charges	<u>7,183</u>	<u>3,195</u>	<u>10,826</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>21,204</u>
Total disbursements	<u>16,631</u>	<u>3,195</u>	<u>10,826</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>30,652</u>
Excess (deficiency) of receipts over disbursements	<u>9,373</u>	<u>(375)</u>	<u>(2,336)</u>	<u>283</u>	<u>6,945</u>
Cash and investments - ending	<u>\$ 60,699</u>	<u>\$ 50,331</u>	<u>\$ (6,301)</u>	<u>\$ 283</u>	<u>\$ 105,012</u>

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 For The Year Ended December 31, 2011

	<u>Township</u>	<u>Township Assistance</u>	<u>Fire Fighting</u>	<u>Levy Excess</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Cash and investments - beginning	\$ 60,699	\$ 50,331	\$ (6,301)	\$ 283	\$ 105,012
Receipts:					
Taxes	16,130	5,586	-	-	21,716
Intergovernmental	-	4,671	-	-	4,671
Charges for services	-	-	8,249	-	8,249
Total receipts	<u>16,130</u>	<u>10,257</u>	<u>8,249</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>34,636</u>
Disbursements:					
Personal services	9,530	-	9,641	-	19,171
Supplies	194	-	-	-	194
Other services and charges	5,099	2,877	-	-	7,976
Total disbursements	<u>14,823</u>	<u>2,877</u>	<u>9,641</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>27,341</u>
Excess (deficiency) of receipts over disbursements	<u>1,307</u>	<u>7,380</u>	<u>(1,392)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,295</u>
Cash and investments - ending	<u>\$ 62,006</u>	<u>\$ 57,711</u>	<u>\$ (7,693)</u>	<u>\$ 283</u>	<u>\$ 112,307</u>

STONEY CREEK TOWNSHIP, RANDOLPH COUNTY
EXAMINATION RESULTS AND COMMENTS

TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETINGS

The Township Board did not meet in 2011 or 2012. In each year, it failed to approve the prior year's annual report and to adopt the subsequent year's annual budget.

Indiana Code 36-6-6-9(a) states: "The legislative body shall meet on or before the third Tuesday after the first Monday in January of each year. At this meeting it shall consider and approve, in whole or in part, the annual report of the executive presented under IC 36-6-4-12."

Indiana Code 36-6-6-11(a) states: "The legislative body shall meet annually in accord with IC 6-1.1-17, to adopt the township's annual budget."

DEPOSIT OF PUBLIC FUNDS

No bank deposits were made during the last six months of 2011, even though the Township received monthly tax distributions. Deposits for collections during this period were deposited in January of 2012.

Indiana Code 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."

APPROPRIATIONS

Disbursements from the Fire Fighting Fund exceeded approved appropriations by \$896 in 2010. Disbursements from the Township Assistance Fund exceeded approved appropriations by \$1,877 in 2011.

Indiana Code 6-1.1-18-4 states in part: ". . . 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."

OVERDRAWN FUND BALANCES

The Fire Fighting Fund had negative balances of \$6,301 at December 31, 2010, and \$7,693 at December 31, 2011.

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)

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

No supporting documentation was presented for cemetery care (\$1,500) and workers compensation insurance premiums (\$1,075) in 2011. Only the front sides of canceled checks were imaged on the Township's bank statements.

Supporting documentation such as receipts, canceled checks, tickets, invoices, bills, contracts, and other public records must be available for audit to provide supporting information for the validity and accountability of monies disbursed. Payments without supporting documentation may be the personal obligation of the responsible official or employee. (Accounting and Uniform Compliance Guidelines Manual for Townships, Chapter 13)

STONEY CREEK TOWNSHIP, RANDOLPH COUNTY
EXAMINATION RESULTS AND COMMENTS
(Continued)

COLLECTION OF AMOUNT DUE

A \$266 check issued by Randolph County to the Township on May 6, 2011, was never deposited to any bank account or receipted to the Township's financial records. We informed the Trustee the check would be reissued after she signed an affidavit at the County Auditor's office, but as of exit date, she had not yet taken care of this.

Governmental units have a responsibility to collect amounts owed to the governmental unit pursuant to procedures authorized by statute. (Accounting and Uniform Compliance Guidelines Manual for Townships, Chapter 13)

CONDITION OF RECORDS

The following deficiencies relating to the recordkeeping in were noted:

- (1) Record balances were not reconciled to depository balances. Considerable time was spent by the Field Examiner to reconcile the depository balances.

Indiana Code 5-13-6-1(e) states in part: "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."

- (2) There were a number of posting errors. These errors included deposits not receipted, (\$489.16) and interest not posted (\$.75).

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)

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

No payroll taxes or payroll withholdings were remitted in 2011. No evidence that 2011 salaries and wages were reported to the Internal Revenue Service was presented for examination.

The Township's Annual Financial Reports and Certified Reports of Names and Compensation of all Officers and Employees were filed well beyond their respective due dates in 2011 and 2012.

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. Non-compliance 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)

STONEY CREEK TOWNSHIP, RANDOLPH COUNTY
EXIT CONFERENCE

The contents of this report were discussed on January 22, 2013, with P. Michael Thomas, Chairman of the Township Board. The Trustee was invited to attend, but did not.