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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS EXAMINATION REPORT

OF

HELT TOWNSHIP

VERMILLION 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	Kevin L. Wickens	01-01-07 to 12-31-14
Chairman of the Township Board	Jason Wright	01-01-10 to 12-31-13



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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

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

We have examined the accompanying financial statements of Helt 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 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.

Bruce Hartman
State Examiner

February 26, 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.

HELT TOWNSHIP, VERMILLION 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	\$ 282,591	\$ 67,303	\$ 71,421	\$ 278,473
Township Assistance	81,056	82,006	29,604	133,458
Fire Fighting	94,506	125,448	103,509	116,445
Levy Excess	-	573	-	573
Rainy Day	16,255	-	-	16,255
Totals	<u>\$ 474,408</u>	<u>\$ 275,330</u>	<u>\$ 204,534</u>	<u>\$ 545,204</u>

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

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 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	\$ 278,473	\$ 73,131	\$ 53,357	\$ 298,247
Township Assistance	133,458	72,406	39,455	166,409
Fire Fighting	116,445	122,485	103,063	135,867
Rainy Day	16,255	-	-	16,255
Levy Excess	573	-	573	-
Totals	<u>\$ 545,204</u>	<u>\$ 268,022</u>	<u>\$ 196,448</u>	<u>\$ 616,778</u>

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

HELT TOWNSHIP, VERMILLION 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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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.

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 internally restricted by the Township. The money accounted for in a specific fund may only be

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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.

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

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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.

Note 6. Pension Plan

Public Employees' Retirement Fund

Plan Description

The Indiana Public Employees' Retirement Fund (PERF) is a defined benefit pension plan. PERF is an agent multiple-employer public employee retirement system, which provides retirement benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. All full-time employees are eligible to participate in this defined benefit plan. State statutes (IC 5-10.2 and 5-10.3) govern, through the Indiana Public Retirement System (INPRS) Board, most requirements of the system, and give the Township authority to contribute to the plan. The PERF retirement benefit consists of the pension provided by employer contributions plus an annuity provided by the member's annuity savings account. The annuity savings account consists of members' contributions, set by state statute at 3 percent of compensation, plus the interest credited to the member's account. The employer may elect to make the contributions on behalf of the member.

INPRS administers the plan and issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for the plan as a whole and for its participants. That report may be obtained by contacting:

Indiana Public Retirement System
1 North Capital Street, Suite 001
Indianapolis, IN 46204
Ph. (888) 526-1687

Funding Policy and Annual Pension Cost

The contribution requirements of the plan members for PERF are established by the Board of Trustees of INPRS.

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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.

HELT TOWNSHIP, VERMILLION 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	Levy Excess	Rainy Day	Totals
Cash and investments - beginning	\$ 282,591	\$ 81,056	\$ 94,506	\$ -	\$ 16,255	\$ 474,408
Receipts:						
Taxes	67,302	81,683	123,808	573	-	273,366
Charges for services	-	-	812	-	-	812
Other receipts	1	323	828	-	-	1,152
Total receipts	<u>67,303</u>	<u>82,006</u>	<u>125,448</u>	<u>573</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>275,330</u>
Disbursements:						
Personal services	22,636	11,527	-	-	-	34,163
Supplies	1,285	345	-	-	-	1,630
Other services and charges	47,157	2,005	103,509	-	-	152,671
Capital outlay	343	1,315	-	-	-	1,658
Other disbursements	-	14,412	-	-	-	14,412
Total disbursements	<u>71,421</u>	<u>29,604</u>	<u>103,509</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>204,534</u>
Excess (deficiency) of receipts over disbursements	<u>(4,118)</u>	<u>52,402</u>	<u>21,939</u>	<u>573</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>70,796</u>
Cash and investments - ending	<u>\$ 278,473</u>	<u>\$ 133,458</u>	<u>\$ 116,445</u>	<u>\$ 573</u>	<u>\$ 16,255</u>	<u>\$ 545,204</u>

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	Township	Township Assistance	Fire Fighting	Rainy Day	Levy Excess	Totals
Cash and investments - beginning	\$ 278,473	\$ 133,458	\$ 116,445	\$ 16,255	\$ 573	\$ 545,204
Receipts:						
Taxes	68,804	69,264	117,027	-	-	255,095
Intergovernmental	3,121	3,142	4,646	-	-	10,909
Other receipts	1,206	-	812	-	-	2,018
Total receipts	<u>73,131</u>	<u>72,406</u>	<u>122,485</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>268,022</u>
Disbursements:						
Personal services	26,116	10,348	-	-	-	36,464
Supplies	1,246	473	-	-	-	1,719
Other services and charges	25,860	28,634	103,063	-	-	157,557
Capital outlay	135	-	-	-	-	135
Other disbursements	-	-	-	-	573	573
Total disbursements	<u>53,357</u>	<u>39,455</u>	<u>103,063</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>573</u>	<u>196,448</u>
Excess (deficiency) of receipts over disbursements	<u>19,774</u>	<u>32,951</u>	<u>19,422</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(573)</u>	<u>71,574</u>
Cash and investments - ending	<u>\$ 298,247</u>	<u>\$ 166,409</u>	<u>\$ 135,867</u>	<u>\$ 16,255</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 616,778</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:	
Buildings	\$ 23,500
Improvements other than buildings	27,460
Machinery, equipment and vehicles	<u>51,978</u>
 Total governmental activities	 <u>102,938</u>
 Total capital assets	 <u>\$ 102,938</u>

HELT TOWNSHIP, VERMILLION COUNTY
EXAMINATION RESULTS AND COMMENTS

CERTIFIED REPORT (FORM 100R)

The Township did not file a Certified Report of Compensation of Officers and Employees (Form 100-R or its equivalent) with the State Board of Accounts for the year 2010. The Township filed the report late for the year 2011; the report was filed on May 31, 2011.

Indiana Code 5-11-13-1 states in part:

"Every . . . township . . . shall during the month of January of each year prepare, make, and sign a certified report, correctly and completely showing the names and business addresses of each and all officers, employees, and agents . . . 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."

ANNUAL REPORT

The Annual Report for 2010 was not filed until May 31, 2011.

Indiana Code 5-11-1-4(a) states in part:

"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."

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING SALARIES

Township Form 17, Resolution Establishing Salaries of Township Officers and Employees, was not passed by the Township Board for 2010 or 2011. Approved salaries were not recorded in the Township Board minutes.

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Indiana Code 36-6-6-10(b) states:

"(b) The township legislative body shall fix the:

- (1) salaries;
- (2) wages;
- (3) rates of hourly pay; and
- (4) remuneration other than statutory allowances; of all officers and employees of 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. However, please remember the township board should RECORD THE SALARIES SO FIXED IN THE TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES. A type of format for recording these salaries should be the existing format of Township Form No. 17. We recommend the board set the salaries of township officials and employees, in conjunction with the preparation and completion of the township budget.

Township Form No. 17 (Revised 2008) has been prescribed to fulfill the requirements of the statute. (Accounting and Uniform Compliance Guidelines Manual for Townships, Chapter 2)

HELT TOWNSHIP, VERMILLION COUNTY
EXIT CONFERENCE

The contents of this report were discussed on February 26, 2013, with Kevin L. Wickens, Trustee.
The official concurred with our findings.