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SPECIAL INVESTIGATION REPORT

OF

STONEY CREEK TOWNSHIP

RANDOLPH COUNTY, INDIANA

January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2014



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## OFFICIALS

<u>Office</u>	<u>Official</u>	<u>Term</u>
Trustee	Janice Bradburn (Vacant) Lori McCollum	01-01-11 to 08-14-14 08-15-14 to 11-18-14 11-19-14 to 12-31-18
President of the Township Board	P. Michael Thomas	01-01-11 to 12-31-15



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TO: THE OFFICIALS OF STONEY CREEK TOWNSHIP

We have conducted a special investigation of the records of Stoney Creek Township for the period from January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2014. Our investigation was limited to the following records: Financial and appropriation records, bank statements, cancelled checks, invoices, receipts issued, and Applications for Township Assistance. The purpose of our investigation was to determine if the accountability for cash and other assets are satisfactory and that the transactions related thereto are in compliance with the laws and regulations of the State of Indiana. The results of our investigation are fully described in the Special Investigation Results and Comments and Summary of Charges as listed in the Table of Contents.

This report was forwarded to the Office of the Indiana Attorney General and the local prosecuting attorney.

*Paul D. Joyce*  
Paul D. Joyce, CPA  
State Examiner

February 2, 2015

STONEY CREEK TOWNSHIP, RANDOLPH COUNTY  
SPECIAL INVESTIGATION RESULTS AND COMMENTS

***EXPENDITURES FOR PERSONAL EXPENSES***

Janice Bradburn, former Trustee, issued herself a check in December 2012 for the amount of \$500. The description noted on the check states, "computer for township." There was no supporting documentation presented to support the disbursement. A computer was not provided to the current Trustee.

Funds misappropriated, diverted or unaccounted for through malfeasance, misfeasance, or nonfeasance in office of any officer or employee may be the personal obligation of the responsible officer or employee. (Accounting and Uniform Compliance Guidelines Manual for Townships, Chapter 13)

Public funds may not be used to pay for personal items or for expenses which do not relate to the functions and purposes of the governmental unit. Any personal expenses 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)

Indiana Code 36-6-4-15(a) states in part: "If the executive resigns or dies, he or his personal representative shall immediately deliver to the new executive custody of all funds and property of the township."

We requested Janice Bradburn, former Trustee, to reimburse Stoney Creek Township in the amount of \$500 or provide the new Trustee with the computer. (See Summary of Charges, page 6)

***OFFICIAL BOND***

Janice Bradburn, former Trustee, was covered by an official bond in 2012 with the Cincinnati Insurance Company as surety in the amount of \$15,000.

STONE CREEK TOWNSHIP, RANDOLPH COUNTY  
EXIT CONFERENCE

The contents of this report were discussed on February 2, 2015, with Lori McCollum, Trustee, and P. Michael Thomas, President of the Township Board.

Janice Bradburn, former Trustee, did not respond to our request for an exit conference.

STONE CREEK TOWNSHIP, RANDOLPH COUNTY  
SUMMARY OF CHARGES

	<u>Charges</u>	<u>Credits</u>	<u>Balance Due</u>
Janice Bradburn, former Trustee:			
Expenditures for Personal Expenses, page 4	<u>\$ 500</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 500</u>

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# AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF INDIANA )  
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I, Stephanie Heath, Special Investigator, being duly sworn on my oath, state that the foregoing report based on the official records as described in our report of Stoney Creek Township, Randolph County, Indiana, for the period from January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2014, is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Stephanie Neath  
Special Investigator

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8 day of June, 2015

Carol Geesamer  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_

County of Residence: \_\_\_\_\_

Carolyn L. Geesaman, Notary Public Seal  
Jay County, State of Indiana  
My commission expires January 15, 2020