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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS EXAMINATION REPORT

OF

BOSTON TOWNSHIP

WAYNE COUNTY, INDIANA

January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2015





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SCHEDULE OF OFFICIALS

<u>Office</u>

Official

Patrick Stack

<u>Term</u>

Trustee

Chairman of the Township Board

Todd Lafuse Patricia A. Ravinet Todd Lafuse 01-01-11 to 12-31-18

01-01-12 to 12-31-14 01-01-15 to 12-31-16 01-01-17 to 12-31-17



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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

TO: THE OFFICIALS OF BOSTON TOWNSHIP, WAYNE COUNTY, INDIANA

We have examined the accompanying financial statements of Boston Township (Township), for the period of January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2015. The Township's management is responsible for the financial statements. Our responsibility is to express an opinion 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 to the financial statements, the Township prepares its financial statements on the prescribed basis of accounting that demonstrates compliance with the reporting requirements established by the Indiana 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.

In our opinion, because of the matter discussed in the preceding paragraph, the financial statements referred to above do not present, 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, 2012 to December 31, 2015.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present, in all material respects, the financial position and results of operations of the Township for the period of January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2015, based on the prescribed 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 Leases and Debt, 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.

Paul D. Joyce

Paul D. Joyce, CPA State Examiner

March 29, 2017

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND ACCOMPANYING NOTES

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.

BOSTON TOWNSHIP, WAYNE COUNTY STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND CASH AND INVESTMENT BALANCES -REGULATORY BASIS For the Years Ended December 31, 2012 and 2013

Fund	١n	Cash and vestments	 Receipts	D	Disbursements		Cash and Investments 12-31-12		Receipts	Dis	sbursements	I	Cash and nvestments 12-31-13
Township	\$	103,464	\$ 18,563	\$	11,324	\$	110,703	\$	17,550	\$	11,436	\$	116,817
Township Assistance		43,837	8,115		2,037		49,915		7,116		571		56,460
Fire Fighting		33,873	43,772		53,256		24,389		44,563		40,000		28,952
Rainy Day		1,600	-		-		1,600		-		-		1,600
Levy Excess		1,349	281		-		1,630		-		-		1,630
Cumulative Fire		29,239	7,076		25,000		11,315		7,479		7,044		11,750
Fire Debt		(13,256)	13,256		-		-		-		-		-
Fire Equipment Bond		3,859	6,116		7,660		2,315		4,616		-		6,931
Payroll Withholding		280	 455		499		236	_	632		562		306
Totals	\$	204,245	\$ 97,634	\$	99,776	\$	202,103	\$	81,956	\$	59,613	\$	224,446

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

BOSTON TOWNSHIP, WAYNE COUNTY STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND CASH AND INVESTMENT BALANCES -REGULATORY BASIS For the Years Ended December 31, 2014 and 2015

	Cash and Investments			Cash and Investments			Cash and Investments
Fund	01-01-14	Receipts	Disbursements	12-31-14	Receipts	Disbursements	12-31-15
Township	\$ 116,817	\$ 18,175	\$ 11,260	\$ 123,732	\$ 19,749	\$ 11,196	\$ 132,285
Township Assistance	56,460	7,049	524	62,985	6,351	2,543	66,793
Fire Fighting	28,952	44,243	40,000	33,195	43,707	40,000	36,902
Rainy Day	1,600	-	-	1,600	-	-	1,600
Levy Excess	1,630	12	-	1,642	-	-	1,642
Cumulative Fire	11,750	11,833	-	23,583	7,872	26,555	4,900
Fire Equipment Bond	6,931	-	-	6,931	-	-	6,931
Payroll Withholding	306	620	604	322	620	587	355
Totals	\$ 224,446	\$ 81,932	\$ 52,388	\$ 253,990	\$ 78,299	\$ 80,881	\$ 251,408

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

BOSTON TOWNSHIP, WAYNE 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 Indiana 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. The basis of accounting involves the reporting of only cash and investments and the changes therein resulting from cash inflows (receipts) and cash outflows (disbursements) reported in the period in which they occurred.

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. Amounts received from one or more of the following: property tax, certified shares (local option tax), property tax replacement credit (local option tax), county option income tax, wheel tax, innkeeper's 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. Amounts received from other governments in the form of operating grants, entitlements, or payments in lieu of taxes. Examples of intergovernmental receipts include, but are not limited to, the following: federal grants, state grants, cigarette tax distributions received from the state, motor vehicle highway distributions received from the state, local road and street distributions 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 received from the county.

BOSTON TOWNSHIP, WAYNE COUNTY NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

Other receipts. Amounts received from various sources, including, but 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. Amounts disbursed 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. Amounts disbursed for 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, but are not limited to, the following: office supplies, operating supplies, and repair and maintenance supplies.

Other services and charges. Amounts disbursed for services including, but not limited to, the following: professional services, communication and transportation, printing and advertising, insurance, utility services, repairs and maintenance, and rental charges.

Debt service - principal and interest. Amounts disbursed for fixed obligations resulting from financial transactions previously entered into by the Township. It includes all expenditures for the reduction of the principal and interest of the Township's general obligation indebtedness.

Capital outlay. Amounts disbursed for land, infrastructure, buildings, improvements, and machinery and equipment having an appreciable and calculable period of usefulness.

Other disbursements. Amounts disbursed for various other purposes including, but 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, make transfers 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 amounts 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 amounts accounted for in a specific fund may only

BOSTON TOWNSHIP, WAYNE COUNTY NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

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, the following: 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.

BOSTON TOWNSHIP, WAYNE COUNTY NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

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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OTHER INFORMATION - UNEXAMINED

The Township's Annual Financial Report information can be found on the Gateway website: <u>https://gateway.ifionline.org/</u>.

Differences may be noted between the financial information presented in the financial statements contained in this report and the financial information presented in the Township's Annual Financial Report 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 other information presented was approved by management of the Township. It is presented as intended by the Township.

	Township	Township Assistance	Fire Fighting	Rainy Day	Levy Excess	Cumulative Fire	Fire Debt	Fire Equipment Bond	Payroll Withholding	Totals
Cash and investments - beginning	\$ 103,464	<u>\$ 43,837</u>	<u>\$ 33,873</u>	<u>\$ 1,600</u>	<u>\$ 1,349</u>	\$ 29,239	<u>\$ (13,256)</u>	\$ 3,859	<u>\$ 280</u>	\$ 204,245
Receipts:										
Taxes	4,014	7,489		-	-	6,544	-	5,656	-	64,184
Intergovernmental receipts	14,467	625	3,291	-	281	531	-	460	-	19,655
Other receipts	82	1				1	13,256		455	13,795
Total receipts	18,563	8,115	43,772		281	7,076	13,256	6,116	455	97,634
Disbursements:										
Personal services	8,725	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8,725
Other services and charges	2,599	2,037	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,636
Debt service - principal and interest	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,660	-	7,660
Other disbursements	-		53,256			25,000			499	78,755
Total disbursements	11,324	2,037	53,256			25,000	<u> </u>	7,660	499	99,776
Excess (deficiency) of receipts over disbursements	7,239	6,078	(9,484)		281	(17,924)	13,256	(1,544)	(44)	(2,142)
Cash and investments - ending	<u>\$ 110,703</u>	\$ 49,915	\$ 24,389	\$ 1,600	\$ 1,630	<u>\$ 11,315</u>	\$	\$ 2,315	\$ 236	\$ 202,103

	<u> </u>	Township	ownship sistance	Fire ghting	 Rainy Day	 Levy Excess	С	umulative Fire	 Fire Debt	 Fire Equipment Bond	Payroll hholding	 Totals
Cash and investments - beginning	\$	110,703	\$ 49,915	\$ 24,389	\$ 1,600	\$ 1,630	\$	11,315	\$ -	\$ 2,315	\$ 236	\$ 202,103
Receipts:												
Taxes		4,414	6,521	40,901	-	-		6,865	-	4,243	-	62,944
Intergovernmental receipts		13,075	595	3,662	-	-		614	-	373	-	18,319
Other receipts		61	 <u> </u>	 -	 -	 -		-	 -	 -	 632	 693
Total receipts		17,550	 7,116	 44,563	 	 		7,479	 	 4,616	 632	 81,956
Disbursements:												
Personal services		8,766	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	8,766
Other services and charges		2,670	571	40,000	-	-		-	-	-	-	43,241
Debt service - principal and interest		-	-	-	-	-		7,044	-	-	-	7,044
Other disbursements		-	 	 -	 -	 -			 -	 	 562	 562
Total disbursements		11,436	 571	 40,000	 	 		7,044	 -	 	 562	 59,613
Excess (deficiency) of receipts over disbursements		6,114	 6,545	 4,563	 <u> </u>	 		435	 -	 4,616	 70	 22,343
Cash and investments - ending	\$	116,817	\$ 56,460	\$ 28,952	\$ 1,600	\$ 1,630	\$	11,750	\$ -	\$ 6,931	\$ 306	\$ 224,446

	T	ownship	nship stance	F	Fire Fighting	 Rainy Day	 Levy Excess	Cumulativ Fire	e	Fire Equipment Bond		Payroll Withholding	 Totals
Cash and investments - beginning	\$	116,817	\$ 56,460	\$	28,952	\$ 1,600	\$ 1,630	<u>\$ 11,7</u>	'50	\$ 6,93	<u>1</u>	\$ 306	\$ 224,446
Receipts:													
Taxes Intergovernmental receipts		4,970 13,184	6,503 546		40,940 3,303	-	-	6,9	82 63		-	-	59,395 17,596
Other receipts		21	 - 540			 	 12	4,2				620	 4,941
Total receipts		18,175	 7,049		44,243	 	 12	11,8	33		<u>-</u> .	620	 81,932
Disbursements:													
Personal services		8,704	-		-	-	-		-		-	-	8,704
Supplies		76	-		-	-	-		-		-	-	76
Other services and charges		2,480	524		-	-	-		-		-	-	3,004
Other disbursements			 		40,000	 	 		-			604	 40,604
Total disbursements		11,260	 524		40,000	 	 		-			604	 52,388
Excess (deficiency) of receipts over disbursements		6,915	 6,525		4,243	 _	 12	11,8	33		<u>-</u> .	16	 29,544
Cash and investments - ending	\$	123,732	\$ 62,985	\$	33,195	\$ 1,600	\$ 1,642	\$ 23,5	83	\$ 6,93	1	\$ 322	\$ 253,990

	<u> </u>	ownship	Township Assistance		Fire Fighting		Rainy Day		Levy Excess	Cumula Fire		Ec	Fire quipment Bond	yroll holding	 Totals
Cash and investments - beginning	\$	123,732	\$ 62,985	5 \$	33,195	\$	1,600	\$	1,642	\$2	3,583	\$	6,931	\$ 322	\$ 253,990
Receipts:															
Taxes		5,539	5,886		40,959		-		-		7,377		-	-	59,761
Intergovernmental receipts		13,827	465		2,748		-		-		495		-	-	17,535
Other receipts		383	-		-		-		-		-		-	 620	 1,003
Total receipts		19,749	6,351		43,707		-		-		7,872		-	620	78,299
Disbursements:															
Personal services		8,687	-		-		-		-		-		-	-	8,687
Supplies		78	-		-		-		-		-		-	-	78
Other services and charges		2,431	2,543		-		-		-		-		-	-	4,974
Debt service - principal and interest		-	-		-		-		-	2	2,267		-	-	22,267
Capital outlay		-	-		-		-		-		4,288		-	-	4,288
Other disbursements		-			40,000		-		-		-		-	 587	 40,587
Total disbursements		11,196	2,543		40,000		-		-	2	6,5 <u>55</u>		-	 587	 80,881
Excess (deficiency) of receipts over															
disbursements		8,553	3,808		3,707		-		-	(1	<u>8,683</u>)		-	 33	 (2,582)
Cash and investments - ending	\$	132,285	\$ 66,793	\$	36,902	\$	1,600	\$	1,642	\$	4,900	\$	6,931	\$ 355	\$ 251,408
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BOSTON TOWNSHIP, WAYNE COUNTY SCHEDULE OF LEASES AND DEBT December 31, 2015

	Description of Debt	Ending Principal	Inte	ncipal and erest Due thin One
Туре	Purpose	 Balance		Year
Governmental activities: Notes and loans payable	Breathing Equipment for Fire Department	\$ 83,920	\$	22,267
Totals		\$ 83,920	\$	22,267

OTHER REPORTS

In addition to this report, other reports may have been issued for the Township. All reports can be found on the Indiana State Board of Accounts' website: <u>http://www.in.gov/sboa/</u>.