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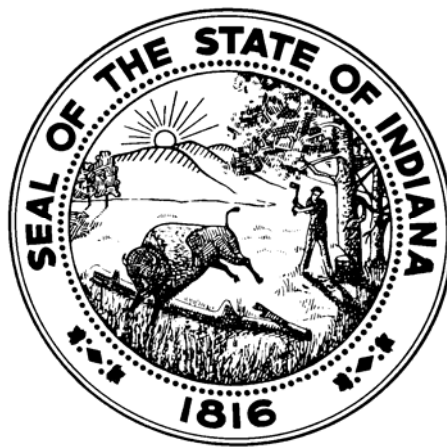
EXAMINATION REPORT

OF

SEWARD TOWNSHIP

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY, INDIANA

January 1, 2004 to December 31, 2005



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OFFICIALS

<u>Office</u>	<u>Official</u>	<u>Term</u>
Trustee	Aime A. Hoffman	01-01-03 to 12-31-06
Chairman of the Township Board	Roland McFadden	01-01-04 to 12-31-06



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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

TO: THE OFFICIALS OF SEWARD TOWNSHIP, KOSCIUSKO COUNTY, INDIANA

We have examined the schedules of receipts, disbursements, and cash and investment balances of Seward Township (Township), for the period of January 1, 2004 to December 31, 2005. The Township's management is responsible for the schedules. 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 schedule of receipts, disbursements, and cash and investment balances and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our examination provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the schedules referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the cash transactions of the Township for the years ended December 31, 2004 and 2005, based on the criteria set forth in the uniform compliance guidelines established by the Indiana State Board of Accounts.

STATE BOARD OF ACCOUNTS

August 3, 2006

SEWARD TOWNSHIP, KOSCIUSKO COUNTY
SCHEDULES OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND CASH AND INVESTMENT BALANCES
ALL GOVERNMENTAL AND FIDUCIARY FUND TYPES
As Of And For The Years Ended December 31, 2004 And 2005

	Cash and Investments 01-01-04	Receipts	Disbursements	Cash and Investments 12-31-04
Governmental Funds:				
General	\$ 26,379	\$ 23,689	\$ 24,994	\$ 25,074
Dog	1,626	1,187	1,025	1,788
Township Assistance	19,127	418	1,780	17,765
Firefighting	66,983	104,064	64,483	106,564
Park and Recreation	1,492	1,202	800	1,894
Emergency Medical Service	18,929	291	2,280	16,940
Fire Equipment Debt	-	12,842	7,204	5,638
Cumulative Fire	38,507	35,259	-	73,766
Fiduciary Fund:				
Payroll Withholdings	-	2,258	2,258	-
Totals	<u>\$ 173,043</u>	<u>\$ 181,210</u>	<u>\$ 104,824</u>	<u>\$ 249,429</u>

	Cash and Investments 01-01-05	Receipts	Disbursements	Cash and Investments 12-31-05
Governmental Funds:				
General	\$ 25,074	\$ 43,298	\$ 26,377	\$ 41,995
Dog	1,788	962	1,189	1,561
Township Assistance	17,765	10,200	11,509	16,456
Firefighting	106,564	77,389	101,401	82,552
Park and Recreation	1,894	2,065	822	3,137
Emergency Medical Service	16,940	-	2,500	14,440
Levy Excess	-	1,330	-	1,330
Fire Equipment Debt	5,638	9,026	7,415	7,249
Cumulative Fire	73,766	92,430	70,354	95,842
Fiduciary Fund:				
Payroll Withholdings	-	2,258	2,258	-
Totals	<u>\$ 249,429</u>	<u>\$ 238,958</u>	<u>\$ 223,825</u>	<u>\$ 264,562</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the schedules.

SEWARD TOWNSHIP, KOSCIUSKO COUNTY
NOTES TO SCHEDULES

Note 1. Introduction

The Township was established under the laws of the State of Indiana. The Township provides the following services: public safety, health and social services, culture and recreation, and general administrative services.

Note 2. Fund Accounting

The Township uses funds to report on its cash and investments and the results of its operations on a cash basis. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial management by segregating transactions related to certain governmental functions or activities.

Note 3. Budgets

The operating budget is initially prepared and approved at the local level. In addition, funds for which property taxes are levied are subject to final approval by the Indiana Department of Local Government Finance.

Note 4. Property Taxes

Property taxes levied are collected by the County Treasurer and are distributed to the Township in June and December. 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% 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 become delinquent if not paid by May 10 and November 10, respectively. All property taxes collected by the County Treasurer and available for distribution were distributed to the Township on or prior to December 31 of the year collected.

Note 5. Deposits and Investments

Deposits, made in accordance with Indiana Code 5-13, with financial institutions in the State of Indiana at year end were 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 statute (IC 5-13-9) authorizes 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.

SEWARD TOWNSHIP, KOSCIUSKO COUNTY
NOTES TO SCHEDULES
(Continued)

Note 6. Pension Plan

Public Employees' Retirement Fund

Plan Description

The Township contributes to the Indiana Public Employees' Retirement Fund (PERF), 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 PERF 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% of compensation, plus the interest credited to the member's account. The employer may elect to make the contributions on behalf of the member.

PERF 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:

Public Employees' Retirement Fund
Harrison Building, Room 800
143 West Market Street
Indianapolis, IN 46204
Ph. (317) 233-4162

Funding Policy and Annual Pension Cost

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

Note 7. Long-Term Debt

The Township has entered into a loan for a tanker truck. The outstanding principal at December 31, 2005, was \$25,671.

SEWARD TOWNSHIP, KOSCIUSKO COUNTY
EXIT CONFERENCE

The contents of this report were discussed on August 3, 2006, with Aime A. Hoffman, Trustee. Our examination disclosed no material items that warrant comment at this time.