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EXAMINATION REPORT
OF
NORTHWEST TOWNSHIP
ORANGE COUNTY, INDIANA
January 1, 2004 to December 31, 2005



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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

TO: THE OFFICIALS OF NORTHWEST TOWNSHIP, ORANGE COUNTY, INDIANA

We have examined the schedules of receipts, disbursements, and cash and investment balances of Northwest 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 15, 2006

NORTHWEST TOWNSHIP, ORANGE COUNTY
SCHEDULES OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND CASH AND INVESTMENT BALANCES
ALL GOVERNMENTAL 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	\$ 7,180	\$ 17,387	\$ 15,323	\$ 9,244
Dog	352	68	52	368
Township Assistance	8,973	6,098	400	14,671
Park and Recreation	2,783	1,293	1,300	2,776
	<u>19,288</u>	<u>24,846</u>	<u>17,075</u>	<u>27,059</u>
Totals	<u>\$ 19,288</u>	<u>\$ 24,846</u>	<u>\$ 17,075</u>	<u>\$ 27,059</u>

	Cash and Investments 01-01-05	Receipts	Disbursements	Cash and Investments 12-31-05
Governmental Funds:				
General	\$ 9,244	\$ 15,820	\$ 10,806	\$ 14,258
Dog	368	115	68	415
Township Assistance	14,671	579	178	15,072
Park and Recreation	2,776	278	1,336	1,718
Levy Excess	-	413	-	413
	<u>27,059</u>	<u>17,205</u>	<u>12,388</u>	<u>31,876</u>
Totals	<u>\$ 27,059</u>	<u>\$ 17,205</u>	<u>\$ 12,388</u>	<u>\$ 31,876</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the schedules.

NORTHWEST TOWNSHIP, ORANGE 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: 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 (Indiana Code 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.

NORTHWEST TOWNSHIP, ORANGE COUNTY
EXAMINATION RESULT AND COMMENT

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Payments were observed which did not contain adequate supporting documentation, such as receipts, invoices, contracts and other public records.

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)

NORTHWEST TOWNSHIP, ORANGE COUNTY
EXIT CONFERENCE

The contents of this report were discussed on August 17, 2006, with Hillary S. Campbell, Trustee. The official concurred with our finding.