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EXAMINATION REPORT  
OF  
SPENCER TOWNSHIP  
DEKALB COUNTY, INDIANA  
January 1, 2004 to December 31, 2005



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Official

Term

Trustee

Jerry W. Storer

01-01-03 to 12-31-06

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

TO: THE OFFICIALS OF SPENCER TOWNSHIP, DEKALB COUNTY, INDIANA

We have examined the schedules of receipts, disbursements, and cash and investment balances of Spencer 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

September 5, 2006

SPENCER TOWNSHIP, DEKALB 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:				
Township General	\$ 22,290	\$ 21,347	\$ 14,933	\$ 28,704
Dog	311	88	1	398
Township Assistance	6,673	6,229	3,045	9,857
Firefighting	83,829	57,563	33,602	107,790
Rainy Day	-	727	-	727
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Totals	<u>\$ 113,103</u>	<u>\$ 85,954</u>	<u>\$ 51,581</u>	<u>\$ 147,476</u>

	Cash and Investments 01-01-05	Receipts	Disbursements	Cash and Investments 12-31-05
Governmental Funds:				
General	\$ 28,704	\$ 23,477	\$ 22,266	\$ 29,915
Dog	398	74	98	374
Township Assistance	9,857	5,226	4,838	10,245
Firefighting	107,790	49,095	36,585	120,300
Rainy Day	727	-	-	727
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Totals	<u>\$ 147,476</u>	<u>\$ 77,872</u>	<u>\$ 63,787</u>	<u>\$ 161,561</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the schedules.

SPENCER TOWNSHIP, DEKALB 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.

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.

SPENCER TOWNSHIP, DEKALB COUNTY  
EXAMINATION RESULT AND COMMENT

PENALTIES, INTEREST AND OTHER CHARGES

Penalties and interest totaling \$129.61 were paid to the Internal Revenue Service on October 31, 2005, for the period December 31, 2003.

Officials and employees have the duty to pay claims and remit taxes in a timely fashion. Failure to pay claims or remit taxes in a timely manner could be an indicator of serious financial problems which should be investigated by the governmental unit.

Additionally, officials and employees have a responsibility to perform duties in a manner which would not result in any unreasonable fees being assessed against the governmental unit.

Any penalties, interest or other charges 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)

SPENCER TOWNSHIP, DEKALB COUNTY  
EXIT CONFERENCE

The contents of this report were discussed on September 5, 2006, with Jerry W. Storer, Trustee. The official concurred with our finding.