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



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Official

Term

Trustee

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01-01-03 to 12-31-06

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

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

We have examined the schedules of receipts, disbursements, and cash and investment balances of Orleans 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 28, 2006

ORLEANS 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	\$ 43,254	\$ 7,179	\$ 9,386	\$ 41,047
Dog	113	390	475	28
Township Assistance	<u>12,217</u>	<u>13,176</u>	<u>3,520</u>	<u>21,873</u>
Totals	<u>\$ 55,584</u>	<u>\$ 20,745</u>	<u>\$ 13,381</u>	<u>\$ 62,948</u>

	Cash and Investments 01-01-05	Receipts	Disbursements	Cash and Investments 12-31-05
Governmental Funds:				
General	\$ 41,047	\$ 6,375	\$ 9,551	\$ 37,871
Dog	28	54	-	82
Township Assistance	<u>21,873</u>	<u>7,085</u>	<u>3,783</u>	<u>25,175</u>
Totals	<u>\$ 62,948</u>	<u>\$ 13,514</u>	<u>\$ 13,334</u>	<u>\$ 63,128</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the schedules.

ORLEANS 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 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.

ORLEANS TOWNSHIP, ORANGE COUNTY
EXAMINATION RESULTS AND COMMENTS

CONDITION OF RECORDS

The following deficiencies relating to the recordkeeping were noted:

- (1) Record balances were not reconciled to depository balances.

Indiana Code 5-13-6-1(e) states: "All local investment officers shall reconcile at least monthly the balance of public funds, as disclosed by the records of the local officers, with the balance statements provided by the respective depositories."

At all times, the manual and/or computerized records, subsidiary ledgers, control ledger, and reconciled bank balance should agree. If the reconciled bank balance is less than the subsidiary ledger or control ledgers, then the responsible official or employee may be held responsible for the amount needed to balance the fund. (Accounting and Uniform Compliance Guidelines Manual for Townships, Chapter 13)

- (2) There were a considerable number of posting errors. These errors included receipts not recorded in the proper amounts to the proper fund.

Controls over the receipting, disbursing, recording, and accounting for the financial activities are necessary to avoid substantial risk of invalid transactions, inaccurate records and financial statements and incorrect decision making. (Accounting and Uniform Compliance Guidelines Manual for Townships, Chapter 13)

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Several payments were observed which did not contain adequate supporting documentation, such as receipts, invoices, and contracts. Due to the lack of supporting information, the validity and accountability for some money disbursed could not be established.

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)

ORLEANS TOWNSHIP, ORANGE COUNTY
EXAMINATION RESULTS AND COMMENTS
(Continued)

PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS

Salary payments to the Township Trustee, Township Clerk, and the Board Members were made without payroll deductions for Social Security and Medicare taxes.

Political subdivisions are required to comply with all grant agreements, rules, regulations, bulletins, directives, letters, letter rulings, and filing requirements concerning reports and other procedural matters of federal and state agencies, including opinions of the Attorney General of the State of Indiana, and court decisions. Governmental units should file accurate reports required by federal and state agencies. Noncompliance may require corrective action. (Accounting and Uniform Compliance Guidelines Manual for Townships, Chapter 13)

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)

ORLEANS TOWNSHIP, ORANGE COUNTY
EXIT CONFERENCE

The contents of this report were discussed on August 29, 2006, with Max D. Hall, Trustee.