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EXAMINATION REPORT
OF
MONROE TOWNSHIP
PULASKI COUNTY, INDIANA
January 1, 2004 to December 31, 2005



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OFFICIALS

<u>Office</u>	<u>Official</u>	<u>Term</u>
Trustee	Alexsondra Haschel	01-01-04 to 12-31-06
Chairman of the Township Board	Jennifer Shank-Maxwell Kent Kruzick	01-01-04 to 12-31-05 01-01-06 to 12-31-06



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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

TO: THE OFFICIALS OF MONROE TOWNSHIP, PULASKI COUNTY, INDIANA

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

MONROE TOWNSHIP, PULASKI 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

	<u>Cash and Investments 01-01-04</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>	<u>Cash and Investments 12-31-04</u>
Governmental Funds:				
General	\$ 52,200	\$ 23,499	\$ 14,232	\$ 61,467
Dog	500	311	300	511
Township Assistance	26,942	1,519	2,557	25,904
Firefighting	<u>60,880</u>	<u>50,881</u>	<u>28,035</u>	<u>83,726</u>
Totals	<u>\$ 140,522</u>	<u>\$ 76,210</u>	<u>\$ 45,124</u>	<u>\$ 171,608</u>

	<u>Cash and Investments 01-01-05</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>	<u>Cash and Investments 12-31-05</u>
Governmental Funds:				
General	\$ 61,467	\$ 26,691	\$ 14,471	\$ 73,687
Dog	511	267	222	556
Township Assistance	25,904	408	3,467	22,845
Firefighting	<u>83,726</u>	<u>50,233</u>	<u>28,035</u>	<u>105,924</u>
Totals	<u>\$ 171,608</u>	<u>\$ 77,599</u>	<u>\$ 46,195</u>	<u>\$ 203,012</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the schedules.

MONROE TOWNSHIP, PULASKI 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.

MONROE TOWNSHIP, PULASKI COUNTY
EXAMINATION RESULTS AND COMMENTS

DISBURSEMENT DOCUMENTATION

Several payments were observed which did not contain adequate supporting documentation such as receipts, and invoices.

Due to the lack of supporting information, the validity and accountability for some monies 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)

PENALTIES AND INTEREST

Penalties and interest totaling \$33 was paid to the Internal Revenue Service on October 20, 2004, for the period of April through June 2001.

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)

MONROE TOWNSHIP, PULASKI COUNTY
EXAMINATION RESULTS AND COMMENTS
(Continued)

FEDERAL AND STATE AGENCIES - COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS

The Township did not issue Internal Revenue Service Form 1099's for the years of 2004 and 2005 for office rent and cemetery care.

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)

Each governmental unit is responsible for compliance with all rules, regulations, guidelines, and directives of the Internal Revenue Service and the Indiana Department of Revenue. All questions concerning taxes should be directed to these agencies. (Accounting and Uniform Compliance Guidelines Manual for Townships, Chapter 13)

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MONROE TOWNSHIP, PULASKI COUNTY
EXIT CONFERENCE

The contents of this report were discussed on August 28, 2006, with Alexsondra Haschel, Trustee.