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



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01-01-04 to 12-31-06

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

TO: THE OFFICIALS OF WHITE POST TOWNSHIP, PULASKI COUNTY, INDIANA

We have examined the schedules of receipts, disbursements, and cash and investment balances of White Post 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.

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August 30, 2006

WHITE POST TOWNSHIP, PULASKI 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	\$ 36,423	\$ 28,987	\$ 32,142	\$ 33,268
Dog	414	122	116	420
Township Assistance	7,231	3,783	4,260	6,754
Firefighting	147,525	87,525	38,121	196,929
Cumulative Fire	40,756	10,422	-	51,178
Fiduciary Fund:				
Payroll Withholdings	177	-	177	-
Totals	<u>\$ 232,526</u>	<u>\$ 130,839</u>	<u>\$ 74,816</u>	<u>\$ 288,549</u>

	Cash and Investments 01-01-05	Receipts	Disbursements	Cash and Investments 12-31-05
Governmental Funds:				
General	\$ 33,268	\$ 34,236	\$ 26,848	\$ 40,656
Dog	420	190	120	490
Township Assistance	6,754	2,801	3,822	5,733
Firefighting	196,929	57,860	27,726	227,063
Cumulative Fire	51,178	12,254	-	63,432
Totals	<u>\$ 288,549</u>	<u>\$ 107,341</u>	<u>\$ 58,516</u>	<u>\$ 337,374</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the schedules.

WHITE POST 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.

Note 6. Subsequent Event

On April 28, 2006, the Township received a grant for \$180,500 to purchase a new fire truck.

WHITE POST TOWNSHIP, PULASKI COUNTY
EXAMINATION RESULTS AND COMMENTS

CONTRACTS

Records presented for audit indicate payments were made for \$6,600 and \$7,800 for cemetery care in 2004 and 2005 respectively without a contract.

Payments received from other Townships for fire protection did not agree with amount fixed by the White Post Township Board in 2005.

Payments made or received for contractual services should be supported by a written contract. Each governmental unit is responsible for complying with the provisions of its contracts. (Accounting and Uniform Compliance Guidelines Manual for Townships, Chapter 13)

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)

CAPITAL ASSET RECORDS

Capital asset records were not presented for audit for years of 2004 and 2005.

Every governmental unit should have a complete inventory of all capital assets owned which reflect their acquisition value. Such inventory should be recorded on the applicable Capital Asset Ledger. A complete inventory should be taken at least every two years for good internal control and for verifying account balances carried in the accounting records. (Accounting and Uniform Compliance Guidelines Manual for Townships, Chapter 13)

WHITE POST TOWNSHIP, PULASKI COUNTY
EXIT CONFERENCE

The contents of this report were discussed on August 30, 2006, with Karen S. Wagner, Trustee. The official concurred with our findings.