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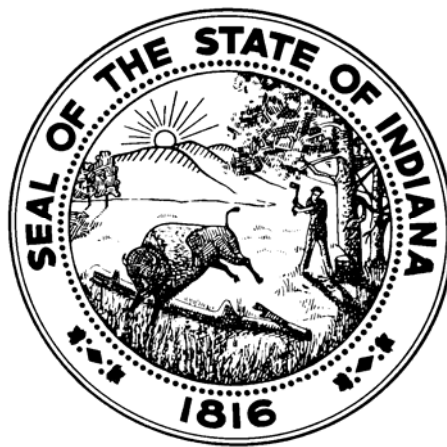
EXAMINATION REPORT

OF

CHESTER TOWNSHIP

WELLS COUNTY, INDIANA

January 1, 2004 to December 31, 2005



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OFFICIALS

Office

Official

Term

Trustee

Gary Story

01-01-03 to 12-31-06

Chairman of the
Township Board

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01-01-04 to 12-31-06



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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

TO: THE OFFICIALS OF CHESTER TOWNSHIP, WELLS COUNTY, INDIANA

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

October 4, 2006

CHESTER TOWNSHIP, WELLS 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	\$ 6,112	\$ 14,060	\$ 10,450	\$ 9,722
Dog	426	96	126	396
Township Assistance	6,973	-	232	6,741
Firefighting	14,713	18,694	9,741	23,666
Cumulative Fire	9,155	15,516	15,235	9,436
Totals	<u>\$ 37,379</u>	<u>\$ 48,366</u>	<u>\$ 35,784</u>	<u>\$ 49,961</u>

	Cash and Investments 01-01-05	Receipts	Disbursements	Cash and Investments 12-31-05
Governmental Funds:				
General	\$ 9,722	\$ 9,104	\$ 12,230	\$ 6,596
Dog	396	58	96	358
Township Assistance	6,741	5,045	400	11,386
Firefighting	23,666	10,586	11,704	22,548
Cumulative Fire	9,436	11,871	13,432	7,875
Generator Project	-	19,091	19,091	-
Totals	<u>\$ 49,961</u>	<u>\$ 55,755</u>	<u>\$ 56,953</u>	<u>\$ 48,763</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the schedules.

CHESTER TOWNSHIP, WELLS 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. Long-Term Debt

The Township has entered into a loan for the construction of a fire station and a loan for a generator for the fire station. The outstanding principal at December 31, 2005, was \$10,000, and \$19,200, respectively.

CHESTER TOWNSHIP, WELLS COUNTY
EXIT CONFERENCE

The contents of this report were discussed on October 4, 2006, with Gary Story, Trustee. Our examination disclosed no material items that warrant comment at this time.