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EXAMINATION REPORT  
OF  
PRAIRIETON TOWNSHIP  
VIGO COUNTY, INDIANA  
January 1, 2004 to December 31, 2005



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OFFICIALS

Office

Official

Term

Trustee

David Phelps

01-01-03 to 12-31-06

Chairman of the  
Township Board

Craig Farmer  
Warren Pigg

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 PRAIRIETON TOWNSHIP, VIGO COUNTY, INDIANA

We have examined the financial information presented herein of Prairieton Township (Township), for the period of January 1, 2004 to December 31, 2005. The Township's management is responsible for the financial information presented herein. 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 financial information presented herein 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 financial information referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial information 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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October 30, 2006

PRAIRIETON TOWNSHIP, VIGO 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	\$ 7,531	\$ 23,583	\$ 7,128	\$ 23,986
Dog	363	126	383	106
Township Assistance	4,194	3,536	3,150	4,580
Park and Recreation	44	2,747	1,560	1,231
Totals	<u>\$ 12,132</u>	<u>\$ 29,992</u>	<u>\$ 12,221</u>	<u>\$ 29,903</u>

	Cash and Investments 01-01-05	Receipts	Disbursements	Cash and Investments 12-31-05
Governmental Funds:				
General	\$ 23,986	\$ 12,161	\$ 8,174	\$ 27,973
Dog	106	128	200	34
Township Assistance	4,580	2,713	3,439	3,854
Park and Recreation	1,231	1,120	1,591	760
Levy Excess	-	301	-	301
Totals	<u>\$ 29,903</u>	<u>\$ 16,423</u>	<u>\$ 13,404</u>	<u>\$ 32,922</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the schedules.

PRAIRIETON TOWNSHIP, VIGO COUNTY  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL INFORMATION

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, 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.

PRAIRIETON TOWNSHIP, VIGO COUNTY  
EXAMINATION RESULT AND COMMENT

ASSESSING MILEAGE

The Township Trustee claimed mileage for Township Assessor duties on the Township Trustee mileage claim. The mileage was then paid from the Township funds.

All supplies necessary for the annual assessment of property are to be furnished and paid for by the county. No part of the expense of assessing is to be paid from Township funds. (Township Bulletin and Uniform Compliance Guidelines, Vol. 272, February 2006)

PRAIRIETON TOWNSHIP, VIGO COUNTY  
EXIT CONFERENCE

The contents of this report were discussed on October 30, 2006, with David Phelps, Trustee. The official concurred with our finding.