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EXAMINATION REPORT
OF
JACKSON TOWNSHIP
OWEN COUNTY, INDIANA
January 1, 2004 to December 31, 2005



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Term

Trustee

Janet Paris

01-01-03 to 12-31-06

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01-01-04 to 12-31-06



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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

TO: THE OFFICIALS OF JACKSON TOWNSHIP, OWEN COUNTY, INDIANA

We have examined the financial information presented herein of Jackson 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 presents 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.

STATE BOARD OF ACCOUNTS

October 26, 2006

JACKSON TOWNSHIP, OWEN COUNTY
SCHEDULES OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND CASH BALANCES
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES
As Of And For The Years Ended December 31, 2004 And 2005

	<u>Cash</u> 01-01-04	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>	<u>Cash</u> 12-31-04
Governmental Funds:				
General	\$ 11,633	\$ 10,661	\$ 9,925	\$ 12,369
Dog	893	161	169	885
Township Assistance	3,028	3,349	4,686	1,691
Firefighting	2,161	2,392	6,000	(1,447)
Rainy Day	-	1,464	-	1,464
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Totals	<u>\$ 17,715</u>	<u>\$ 18,027</u>	<u>\$ 20,780</u>	<u>\$ 14,962</u>

	<u>Cash</u> 01-01-05	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>	<u>Cash</u> 12-31-05
Governmental Funds:				
General	\$ 12,369	\$ 11,545	\$ 13,135	\$ 10,779
Dog	885	124	585	424
Township Assistance	1,691	9,187	2,963	7,915
Firefighting	(1,447)	6,202	4,755	-
Rainy Day	1,464	-	-	1,464
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Totals	<u>\$ 14,962</u>	<u>\$ 27,058</u>	<u>\$ 21,438</u>	<u>\$ 20,582</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the schedules.

JACKSON TOWNSHIP, OWEN 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: public safety, health and social services, and general administrative services.

Note 2. Fund Accounting

The Township uses funds to report on its cash 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

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.

JACKSON TOWNSHIP, OWEN COUNTY
EXAMINATION RESULT AND COMMENT

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

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

JACKSON TOWNSHIP, OWEN COUNTY
EXIT CONFERENCE

The contents of this report were discussed on November 1, 2006, with Janet Paris, Trustee. The official concurred with our finding.