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EXAMINATION REPORT  
OF  
UNION TOWNSHIP  
OHIO COUNTY, INDIANA  
January 1, 2004 to December 31, 2005



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OFFICIALS

<u>Office</u>	<u>Official</u>	<u>Term</u>
Trustee	Deirdre K. Helton	01-01-03 to 12-31-06
Chairman of the Township Board	John Wilber	01-01-04 to 12-31-04
	John Peters	01-01-05 to 12-31-05
	Vernon Sharp	01-01-06 to 12-31-06



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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

TO: THE OFFICIALS OF UNION TOWNSHIP, OHIO COUNTY, INDIANA

We have examined the financial information presented herein of Union 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

November 30, 2006

UNION TOWNSHIP, OHIO 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:				
Township	\$ 7,277	\$ 6,456	\$ 6,880	\$ 6,853
Dog	211	88	-	299
Township Assistance	5,398	-	502	4,896
Firefighting	1,860	920	1,200	1,580
Rainy Day	-	759	-	759
Totals	<u>\$ 14,746</u>	<u>\$ 8,223</u>	<u>\$ 8,582</u>	<u>\$ 14,387</u>

	Cash and Investments 01-01-05	Receipts	Disbursements	Cash and Investments 12-31-05
Governmental Funds:				
Township	\$ 6,853	\$ 6,259	\$ 6,976	\$ 6,136
Dog	299	96	-	395
Township Assistance	4,896	-	478	4,418
Firefighting	1,580	947	1,200	1,327
Rainy Day	759	-	-	759
Totals	<u>\$ 14,387</u>	<u>\$ 7,302</u>	<u>\$ 8,654</u>	<u>\$ 13,035</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the schedules.

UNION TOWNSHIP, OHIO 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 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.

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.

UNION TOWNSHIP, OHIO COUNTY  
EXAMINATION RESULTS AND COMMENTS

ANNUAL REPORTS

Some of the amounts on the Annual Reports presented for the examination period did not agree with the amounts in the Township's Financial and Appropriations Ledger.

Officials and employees are required to use State Board of Accounts prescribed or approved forms in the manner prescribed. (Accounting and Uniform Compliance Guidelines Manual for Townships, Chapter 13)

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE

David Helton, Township Clerk, is the spouse of Deirdre K. Helton, Trustee. A Uniform Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statement does not appear to have been filed.

John Wilber, Township Board member, also receives compensation for maintenance of the cemeteries. A Uniform Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statement does not appear to have been filed.

Indiana Code 35-44-1-3 states in part:

"(a) A public servant who knowingly or intentionally: (1) has a pecuniary interest in; or (2) derives a profit from; a contract or purchase connected with an action by the governmental entity served by the public servant commits conflict of interest, a Class D felony . . ."

"(c) This section does not prohibit a public servant from having a pecuniary interest in or deriving a profit from a contract or purchase connected with the governmental entity served . . . (3) if the public servant; (A) is an elected public servant . . . and (B) makes a disclosure under subsection (d)(1) through (d)(6)."

"(d) A disclosure required by this section must: (1) be in writing; (2) describe the contract or purchase to be made by the governmental entity; (3) describe the pecuniary interest that the public servant has in the contract or purchase; (4) be affirmed under penalty of perjury; (5) be submitted to the governmental entity and be accepted by the governmental entity in a public meeting of the governmental entity prior to final action on the contract or purchase; (6) be filed within fifteen (15) days after final action on the contract or purchase with: (A) the state board of accounts; and (B) . . . the clerk of the circuit court in the county where the governmental entity takes final action on the contract or purchase . . ."

"(g) A public servant has a pecuniary interest in a contract or purchase if the contract or purchase will result or is intended to result in an ascertainable increase in the income or net worth of: (1) the public servant; or (2) a dependent of the public servant who: (A) is under the direct or indirect administrative control of the public servant; or (B) receives a contract or purchase order that is reviewed, approved, or directly or indirectly administered by the public servant . . ."

"(k) As used in this section, 'dependent' means any of the following: (1) The spouse of a public servant. (2) A child, stepchild, or adoptee (as defined in IC 31-3-4-1) of a public servant who is: (A) unemancipated; and (B) less than eighteen (18) years of age. (3) Any individual more than one-half (1/2) of whose support is provided during a year by the public servant."

UNION TOWNSHIP, OHIO COUNTY  
EXAMINATION RESULTS AND COMMENTS  
(Continued)

FEDERAL AND STATE AGENCIES - COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS

The following deficiencies were noted regarding directives of the Internal Revenue Service:

1. Compensation paid to the Trustee Clerk and Township Board Members were not reported to the recipients on Internal Revenue Service Form W-2.
2. Compensation paid to the Trustee Clerk and Township Board Members had no payroll tax withholdings deducted.

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)

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)

UNION TOWNSHIP, OHIO COUNTY  
EXIT CONFERENCE

The contents of this report were discussed on November 30, 2006, with Deirdre K. Helton, Trustee. The official concurred with our findings.