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EXAMINATION REPORT
OF
BARTON TOWNSHIP
GIBSON COUNTY, INDIANA
January 1, 2004 to December 31, 2005



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OFFICIALS

<u>Office</u>	<u>Official</u>	<u>Term</u>
Trustee	Wilma Miley	01-01-03 to 12-31-06
Chairman of the Township Board	Kenneth Willis	01-01-04 to 12-31-04
	Dennis Tepe	01-01-05 to 12-31-05
	Kenneth Willis	01-01-06 to 12-31-06



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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

TO: THE OFFICIALS OF BARTON TOWNSHIP, GIBSON COUNTY, INDIANA

We have examined the financial information presented herein of Barton 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.

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November 29, 2006

BARTON TOWNSHIP, GIBSON 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	\$ 71,703	\$ 16,872	\$ 11,633	\$ 76,942
Dog	444	137	144	437
Township Assistance	31,909	11,790	4,940	38,759
Firefighting	20,668	20,769	14,490	26,947
Park and Recreation	6,367	1,707	1,250	6,824
Totals	<u>\$ 131,091</u>	<u>\$ 51,275</u>	<u>\$ 32,457</u>	<u>\$ 149,909</u>

	Cash and Investments 01-01-05	Receipts	Disbursements	Cash and Investments 12-31-05
Governmental Funds:				
Township	\$ 76,942	\$ 19,126	\$ 12,939	\$ 83,129
Dog	437	190	137	490
Township Assistance	38,759	9,935	7,366	41,328
Firefighting	26,947	21,372	15,580	32,739
Park and Recreation	6,824	1,680	1,294	7,210
Levy Excess	-	1,319	-	1,319
Totals	<u>\$ 149,909</u>	<u>\$ 53,622</u>	<u>\$ 37,316</u>	<u>\$ 166,215</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the schedules.

BARTON TOWNSHIP, GIBSON 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, 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.

BARTON TOWNSHIP, GIBSON COUNTY
EXAMINATION RESULTS AND COMMENTS

APPROPRIATIONS

The records presented for audit indicated the following expenditures in excess of budgeted appropriations:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Excess Amount Expended</u>
Township General Fund	2005	<u>\$ 459</u>

Indiana Code 6-1.1-18-4 states in part: ". . . the proper officers of a political subdivision shall appropriate funds in such a manner that the expenditures for a year do not exceed its budget for that year as finally determined under this article."

PENALTIES, INTEREST AND OTHER CHARGES

Penalties and interest were paid to the Indiana Department of Revenue on July 16, 2005.

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)

BARTON TOWNSHIP, GIBSON COUNTY
EXIT CONFERENCE

The contents of this report were discussed on November 29, 2006, with Wilma Miley, Trustee. The official concurred with our findings.