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EXAMINATION REPORT
OF
NORTH BEND TOWNSHIP
STARKE COUNTY, INDIANA
January 1, 2005 to December 31, 2006



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OFFICIALS

<u>Office</u>	<u>Official</u>	<u>Term</u>
Trustee	Ardella Paulson (deceased)	01-01-03 to 01-12-07
Chairman of the Township Board	Steve Thompson	01-01-05 to 12-31-05
	Sam Bailey	01-01-06 to 12-31-06
	Steve Thompson	01-01-07 to 12-31-07



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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

TO: THE OFFICIALS OF NORTH BEND TOWNSHIP, STARKE COUNTY, INDIANA

We have examined the financial information presented herein of North Bend Township (Township), for the period of January 1, 2005 to December 31, 2006. 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, 2005 and 2006, based on the criteria set forth in the uniform compliance guidelines established by the Indiana State Board of Accounts.

STATE BOARD OF ACCOUNTS

February 6, 2007

NORTH BEND TOWNSHIP, STARKE COUNTY
SCHEDULES OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND CASH AND INVESTMENT BALANCES
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES
As Of And For The Years Ended December 31, 2005 And 2006

	Cash and Investments 01-01-05	Receipts	Disbursements	Cash and Investments 12-31-05
Governmental Funds:				
Township	\$ 6,169	\$ 15,273	\$ 16,327	\$ 5,115
Dog	378	69	78	369
Township Assistance	6,152	5,964	7,757	4,359
Firefighting	30,736	45,565	28,500	47,801
Levy Excess	121	-	-	121
Totals	<u>\$ 43,556</u>	<u>\$ 66,871</u>	<u>\$ 52,662</u>	<u>\$ 57,765</u>

	Cash and Investments 01-01-06	Receipts	Disbursements	Cash and Investments 12-31-06
Governmental Funds:				
Township	\$ 5,115	\$ 18,093	\$ 17,667	\$ 5,541
Dog	369	141	78	432
Township Assistance	4,359	3,798	6,571	1,586
Firefighting	47,801	51,943	31,800	67,944
Levy Excess	121	-	-	121
Totals	<u>\$ 57,765</u>	<u>\$ 73,975</u>	<u>\$ 56,116</u>	<u>\$ 75,624</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the schedules.

NORTH BEND TOWNSHIP, STARKE 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. 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.

NORTH BEND TOWNSHIP, STARKE COUNTY
EXAMINATION RESULT AND COMMENT

FIREFIGHTING FUND USES

The Township Assistance Fund made a temporary loan in January of 2005, to the Firefighting Fund of \$3,000. The Firefighting Fund repaid in June of 2005, the Township Assistance Fund \$5,000.

Sources and uses of funds should be limited to those authorized by the enabling statute, ordinance, resolution, or grant agreement. (Accounting and Uniform Compliance Guidelines Manual for Townships, Chapter 13)

NORTH BEND TOWNSHIP, STARKE COUNTY
EXIT CONFERENCE

The contents of this report were discussed on February 6, 2007, with Steve Thompson, Chairman of the Township Board.