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EXAMINATION REPORT
OF
SALUDA TOWNSHIP
JEFFERSON COUNTY, INDIANA
January 1, 2005 to December 31, 2006



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OFFICIALS

Office

Official

Term

Trustee

Maxine Crafton
Cathy R. Bear

01-01-03 to 12-31-06
01-01-07 to 12-31-10

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

TO: THE OFFICIALS OF SALUDA TOWNSHIP, JEFFERSON COUNTY, INDIANA

We have examined the financial information presented herein of Saluda 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.

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April 5, 2007

SALUDA TOWNSHIP, JEFFERSON COUNTY
SCHEDULES OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND CASH AND INVESTMENT BALANCES
ALL GOVERNMENTAL AND FIDUCIARY 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	\$ 8,991	\$ 31,276	\$ 13,987	\$ 26,280
Dog	436	158	-	594
Township Assistance	15,189	16,024	8,835	22,378
Firefighting	9,445	24,071	9,000	24,516
Park and Recreation	1,310	254	33	1,531
Fiduciary Fund:				
Payroll Withholdings	206	688	688	206
Totals	<u>\$ 35,577</u>	<u>\$ 72,471</u>	<u>\$ 32,543</u>	<u>\$ 75,505</u>

	Cash and Investments 01-01-06	Receipts	Disbursements	Cash and Investments 12-31-06
Governmental Funds:				
Township	\$ 26,280	\$ 16,666	\$ 14,964	\$ 27,982
Dog	594	233	294	533
Township Assistance	22,378	6,703	8,292	20,789
Firefighting	24,516	12,386	9,750	27,152
Park and Recreation	1,531	280	-	1,811
Fiduciary Fund:				
Payroll Withholdings	206	726	688	244
Totals	<u>\$ 75,505</u>	<u>\$ 36,994</u>	<u>\$ 33,988</u>	<u>\$ 78,511</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the schedules.

SALUDA TOWNSHIP, JEFFERSON 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.

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.

SALUDA TOWNSHIP, JEFFERSON COUNTY
EXAMINATION RESULTS AND COMMENTS

FEDERAL AND STATE AGENCIES - COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS

The Township did not issue W-2's to Board members and federal, state or local taxes were not withheld.

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)

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)

PRESCRIBED FORM

Prescribed Form 17 (Resolution Recommending Salaries for Officials and Employees) was not presented for examination.

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)

TOWNSHIP ASSISTANCE PROCEDURES

The following deficiencies were noted regarding the processing of township assistance.

1. Uniform written standards for township assistance were not presented for examination.

Indiana Code 12-20-5.5-1 states in part:

"(a)The township trustee shall process all applications for the township assistance according to uniform written standards . . .

(b) The township's standards for the issuance of township assistance and the processing of applications must be: proposed by the township trustee, adopted by the township board, and filed with the board of county commissioners;"

2. No evidence was presented for examination to indicate that investigations were performed in the processing of applications.

Indiana Code 12-20-6-9 states in part: "If an application for township assistance is made to the township trustee . . . the township trustee . . . shall carefully investigate the circumstances of the applicant and each member of the applicant's household. . ."

SALUDA TOWNSHIP, JEFFERSON COUNTY
EXIT CONFERENCE

The contents of this report were discussed on April 5, 2007, with Cathy R. Bear, Trustee. The official concurred with our findings.