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EXAMINATION REPORT

OF

SMYRNA TOWNSHIP

JEFFERSON COUNTY, INDIANA

January 1, 2005 to December 31, 2006



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OFFICIALS

<u>Office</u>	<u>Official</u>	<u>Term</u>
Trustee	Mark T. Cash Tara Cash	01-01-03 to 12-31-06 01-01-07 to 12-31-10
Chairman of the Township Board	Elvin A. Bramwell Merle Rowlett	01-01-05 to 12-31-05 01-01-06 to 12-31-07



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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

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

We have examined the financial information presented herein of Smyrna 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 30, 2007

SMYRNA 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	\$ 33,123	\$ 13,097	\$ 9,127	\$ 37,093
Dog	378	135	78	435
Township Assistance	15,637	2,733	223	18,147
Firefighting	21,263	8,410	4,649	25,024
Cumulative Fire	1,456	6,889	8,000	345
Fiduciary Fund:				
Payroll Withholdings	195	762	662	295
Totals	<u>\$ 72,052</u>	<u>\$ 32,026</u>	<u>\$ 22,739</u>	<u>\$ 81,339</u>

	Cash and Investments 01-01-06	Receipts	Disbursements	Cash and Investments 12-31-06
Governmental Funds:				
Township	\$ 37,093	\$ 13,147	\$ 10,063	\$ 40,177
Dog	435	118	135	418
Township Assistance	18,147	2,682	574	20,255
Firefighting	25,024	8,564	4,825	28,763
Cumulative Fire	345	6,310	2,900	3,755
Fiduciary Fund:				
Payroll Withholdings	295	943	484	754
Totals	<u>\$ 81,339</u>	<u>\$ 31,764</u>	<u>\$ 18,981</u>	<u>\$ 94,122</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the schedules.

SMYRNA 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, 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.

SMYRNA TOWNSHIP, JEFFERSON COUNTY
EXAMINATION RESULTS AND COMMENTS

OPTICAL IMAGES OF CHECKS

The financial institution did not return the actual cancelled checks with the monthly bank statements, but instead returned an optical image of only the front side of the checks.

Indiana Code 5-15-6-3(a) concerning optical imaging of checks states, in part:

". . . 'original records' includes the optical image of a check or deposit document when:

- (1) the check or deposit document is recorded, copied, or reproduced by an optical imaging process . . . ; and
- (2) the drawer of the check receives an optical image of the check after the check is processed for payment . . ."

Furthermore, Indiana Code 26-2-8-111 states, in part:

(a) "If a law requires that certain records be retained, that requirement is met by retaining an electronic record of the information in the record that:

- (1) accurately reflects the information set forth in the record after it was first generated in its final form as an electronic record or otherwise; and
- (2) remains accessible for later reference."

(e) "If a law requires retention of a check, that requirement is satisfied by retention of an electronic record of the information on the front and back of the check in accordance with subsection (a)."

TOWNSHIP ASSISTANCE PROCEDURES

We found the following deficiencies regarding the processing of township assistance:

- (1) There was no evidence that the Township Trustee investigated the circumstances of the applicant and each member of the applicant's household.

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

- (2) No township assistance standards were presented for examination.

Indiana Code 12-20-5.5 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 county commissioners; . . ."

SMYRNA TOWNSHIP, JEFFERSON COUNTY
EXIT CONFERENCE

The contents of this report were discussed on April 30, 2007, with Tara Cash, Trustee. The official concurred with our findings.