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



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Trustee

Ira Schlotterback

12-23-04 to 12-31-10

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

TO: THE OFFICIALS OF NOBLE TOWNSHIP, NOBLE COUNTY, INDIANA

We have examined the financial information presented herein of Noble 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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May 15, 2007

NOBLE TOWNSHIP, NOBLE 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	\$ 46,520	\$ 71,987	\$ 32,543	\$ 85,964
Dog	1,316	225	1,016	525
Township Assistance	9,965	27,605	12,121	25,449
Firefighting	33,371	92,356	79,341	46,386
Park and Recreation	18,681	10,559	23,738	5,502
Fire Debt	29,577	-	29,577	-
Cumulative Fire	127,087	39,969	24,996	142,060
Fiduciary Fund:				
Payroll Withholdings	-	2,611	1,957	654
Totals	<u>\$ 266,517</u>	<u>\$ 245,312</u>	<u>\$ 205,289</u>	<u>\$ 306,540</u>

	Cash and Investments 01-01-06	Receipts	Disbursements	Cash and Investments 12-31-06
Governmental Funds:				
Township	\$ 85,964	\$ 37,890	\$ 74,953	\$ 48,901
Dog	525	209	734	-
Township Assistance	25,449	23,964	15,550	33,863
Firefighting	46,386	55,394	59,934	41,846
Park and Recreation	5,502	6,449	10,139	1,812
Levy Excess	-	1,499	-	1,499
Fire Debt	-	50,000	50,000	-
Park Grant	-	3,850	3,500	350
Cumulative Fire	142,060	64,492	23,229	183,323
Fiduciary Fund:				
Payroll Withholdings	654	2,940	2,859	735
Totals	<u>\$ 306,540</u>	<u>\$ 246,687</u>	<u>\$ 240,898</u>	<u>\$ 312,329</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the schedules.

NOBLE TOWNSHIP, NOBLE 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.

Note 6. Long-Term Debt

The Township has entered into a loan for the purchase of fire equipment. The outstanding principal balance at December 31, 2006, was \$50,000.

NOBLE TOWNSHIP, NOBLE COUNTY
EXAMINATION RESULTS AND COMMENTS

CONDITION OF RECORDS

There were a considerable number of posting errors in the ledger. Some receipts and disbursements were not carried to the appropriate fund columns, therefore, the monthly fund totals did not balance. Also, the annual report did not agree with the ledger.

Controls over the receipting, disbursing, recording, and accounting for the financial activities are necessary to avoid substantial risk of invalid transactions, inaccurate records and financial statements and incorrect decision making. (Accounting and Uniform Compliance Guidelines Manual for Townships, Chapter 13)

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)

APPROPRIATIONS

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

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Years</u>	<u>Excess Amount Expended</u>
Firefighting	2005	\$ 8,340
Park and Recreation	2005	12,238
Township General	2006	2,947

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."

NOBLE TOWNSHIP, NOBLE COUNTY
EXIT CONFERENCE

The contents of this report were discussed on May 15, 2007, with Ira Schlotterback, Trustee. The official concurred with our findings.