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



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OFFICIALS

<u>Office</u>	<u>Official</u>	<u>Term</u>
Trustee	George A. Wolfe	01-01-03 to 12-31-10
President of the Township Board	Matthew Shaeffer	01-01-05 to 12-31-05
	Frank Sturdivant	01-01-06 to 12-31-06
	Ben Castle	01-01-07 to 12-31-07



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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

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

We have examined the financial information presented herein of Orange 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 21, 2007

ORANGE TOWNSHIP, NOBLE 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	\$ 142,650	\$ 156,568	\$ 117,052	\$ 182,166
Dog	413	306	117	602
Township Assistance	47,814	16,176	18,316	45,674
Firefighting	109,887	120,980	78,854	152,013
Park and Recreation	8,942	5,082	5,786	8,238
Fire Equipment Debt	(4,371)	56,138	35,915	15,852
Cumulative Fire	144,417	31,791	56,076	120,132
Totals	<u>\$ 449,752</u>	<u>\$ 387,041</u>	<u>\$ 312,116</u>	<u>\$ 524,677</u>

	Cash and Investments 01-01-06	Receipts	Disbursements	Cash and Investments 12-31-06
Governmental Funds:				
Township	\$ 182,166	\$ 131,006	\$ 117,650	\$ 195,522
Dog	602	256	858	-
Township Assistance	45,674	7,497	13,139	40,032
Firefighting	152,013	113,022	102,242	162,793
Park and Recreation	8,238	4,354	6,350	6,242
Fire Equipment Debt	15,852	37,984	35,935	17,901
Cumulative Fire	120,132	22,901	204	142,829
Totals	<u>\$ 524,677</u>	<u>\$ 317,020</u>	<u>\$ 276,378</u>	<u>\$ 565,319</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the schedules.

ORANGE 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 fire equipment. The outstanding principal balance at December 31, 2006, was \$34,741.

ORANGE TOWNSHIP, NOBLE COUNTY
EXAMINATION RESULT AND COMMENT

APPROPRIATIONS

The records presented for audit indicated the 2005 Cumulative Fire Fund expenditures were in excess of budgeted appropriations by \$1,293.

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."

ORANGE TOWNSHIP, NOBLE COUNTY
EXIT CONFERENCE

The contents of this report were discussed on May 21, 2007, with George A. Wolfe, Trustee. The official concurred with our finding.