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EXAMINATION REPORT
OF
GRANT TOWNSHIP
NEWTON COUNTY, INDIANA
January 1, 2006 to December 31, 2007



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OFFICIALS

<u>Office</u>	<u>Official</u>	<u>Term</u>
Trustee	Richard G. Schuette	01-01-03 to 12-31-10
Chairman of the Township Board	Jeffrey Welsh	01-01-06 to 12-31-06
	Kay Babcock	01-01-07 to 12-31-07
	Dennis Edmonds	01-01-08 to 12-31-08



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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

TO: THE OFFICIALS OF GRANT TOWNSHIP, NEWTON COUNTY, INDIANA

We have examined the financial information presented herein of Grant Township (Township), for the period of January 1, 2006 to December 31, 2007. 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, 2006 and 2007, 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, 2008

GRANT TOWNSHIP, NEWTON COUNTY
SCHEDULES OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND CASH AND INVESTMENT BALANCES
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES
As Of And For The Years Ended December 31, 2006 And 2007

	Cash and Investments 01-01-06	Receipts	Disbursements	Cash and Investments 12-31-06
Governmental Funds:				
Township	\$ 68,954	\$ 26,177	\$ 20,614	\$ 74,517
Dog	366	39	66	339
Township Assistance	32,920	5,765	3,658	35,027
Firefighting	60,670	12,100	4,803	67,967
Landfill	99,999	56,184	9,603	146,580
Rainy Day	2,000	-	-	2,000
Levy Excess	481	-	481	-
Cumulative Fire	5,505	38	-	5,543
Totals	<u>\$ 270,895</u>	<u>\$ 100,303</u>	<u>\$ 39,225</u>	<u>\$ 331,973</u>

	Cash and Investments 01-01-07	Receipts	Disbursements	Cash and Investments 12-31-07
Governmental Funds:				
Township	\$ 74,517	\$ 29,714	\$ 21,597	\$ 82,634
Dog	339	-	339	-
Township Assistance	35,027	6,788	5,083	36,732
Firefighting	67,967	14,324	5,043	77,248
Landfill	146,580	71,556	61,932	156,204
Rainy Day	2,000	-	-	2,000
Cumulative Fire	5,543	34	-	5,577
Totals	<u>\$ 331,973</u>	<u>\$ 122,416</u>	<u>\$ 93,994</u>	<u>\$ 360,395</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial information.

GRANT TOWNSHIP, NEWTON 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.

GRANT TOWNSHIP, NEWTON COUNTY
NOTES TO FINANCIAL INFORMATION
(Continued)

Note 6. Pension Plan

Public Employees' Retirement Fund

Plan Description

The Township contributes to the Indiana Public Employees' Retirement Fund (PERF), a defined benefit pension plan. PERF is an agent multiple-employer public employee retirement system, which provides retirement benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. All full-time employees are eligible to participate in this defined benefit plan. State statutes (IC 5-10.2 and 5-10.3) govern, through the PERF Board, most requirements of the system, and give the Township authority to contribute to the plan. The PERF retirement benefit consists of the pension provided by employer contributions plus an annuity provided by the member's annuity savings account. The annuity savings account consists of members' contributions, set by state statute at 3% of compensation, plus the interest credited to the member's account. The employer may elect to make the contributions on behalf of the member.

PERF administers the plan and issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for the plan as a whole and for its participants. That report may be obtained by contacting:

Public Employees' Retirement Fund
Harrison Building, Room 800
143 West Market Street
Indianapolis, IN 46204
Ph. (317) 233-4162

Funding Policy and Annual Pension Cost

The contribution requirements of the plan members for PERF are established by the Board of Trustees of PERF.

GRANT TOWNSHIP, NEWTON COUNTY
EXAMINATION RESULTS AND COMMENTS

DONATIONS

The Landfill Fund which is funded primarily by landfill hosts fees, donated monies to several community service organizations.

Governmental funds should not be donated or given to other organizations, individuals, or governmental units unless specifically authorized by statute. (Accounting and Uniform Compliance Guidelines Manual for Townships, Chapter 13)

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)

Public funds may not be used to pay for personal items or for expenses which do not relate to the functions and purposes of the governmental unit. Any personal expenses 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)

CONTRACTS

Records presented for examination indicate some payments were made to community service organizations without a contract.

Payments made or received for contractual services should be supported by a written contract. Each governmental unit is responsible for complying with the provisions of its contracts. (Accounting and Uniform Compliance Guidelines Manual for Townships, Chapter 13)

GRANT TOWNSHIP, NEWTON COUNTY
EXIT CONFERENCE

The contents of this report were discussed on February 6, 2008, with Richard G. Schutte, Trustee; and Karen Schutte, Clerk.