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



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Official

Term

Trustee

Judy Taylor

03-01-03 to 12-31-10

Chairman of the
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01-01-06 to 12-31-06
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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

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

We have examined the financial information presented herein of Washington 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 13, 2008

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP, NEWTON 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, 2006 And 2007

	Cash and Investments 01-01-06	Receipts	Disbursements	Cash and Investments 12-31-06
Governmental Funds:				
Township	\$ 85,529	\$ 34,690	\$ 24,276	\$ 95,943
Dog	81	66	-	147
Township Assistance	12,236	262	-	12,498
Firefighting	3,872	4,688	5,542	3,018
Landfill	100,449	81,714	28,663	153,500
Levy Excess	-	262	-	262
Fiduciary Fund:				
Payroll Withholdings	210	864	858	216
Totals	<u>\$ 202,377</u>	<u>\$ 122,546</u>	<u>\$ 59,339</u>	<u>\$ 265,584</u>

	Cash and Investments 01-01-07	Receipts	Disbursements	Cash and Investments 12-31-07
Governmental Funds:				
Township	\$ 95,943	\$ 38,580	\$ 25,401	\$ 109,122
Dog	147	-	-	147
Township Assistance	12,498	374	-	12,872
Firefighting	3,018	4,903	5,500	2,421
Landfill	153,500	100,438	47,428	206,510
Levy Excess	262	-	262	-
Fiduciary Fund:				
Payroll Withholdings	216	864	864	216
Totals	<u>\$ 265,584</u>	<u>\$ 145,159</u>	<u>\$ 79,455</u>	<u>\$ 331,288</u>

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

WASHINGTON 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.

Note 6. Capital Assets

Capital assets are considered immaterial.

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP, NEWTON COUNTY
EXAMINATION RESULTS AND COMMENTS

DISBURSEMENT DOCUMENTATION

Some payments were observed which did not contain adequate supporting documentation such as receipts, and invoices.

Due to the lack of supporting information, the validity and accountability for some monies disbursed could not be established.

Supporting documentation such as receipts, canceled checks, tickets, invoices, bills, contracts, and other public records must be available for audit to provide supporting information for the validity and accountability of monies disbursed. Payments without supporting documentation may be the personal obligation of the responsible official or employee. (Accounting and Uniform Compliance Guidelines Manual for Townships, Chapter 13)

DONATIONS

The Landfill Fund which is funded primarily by landfill host 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)

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP, NEWTON COUNTY
EXIT CONFERENCE

The contents of this report were discussed on February 13, 2008, with Judy Taylor, Trustee; and John R. Taylor, Clerk.