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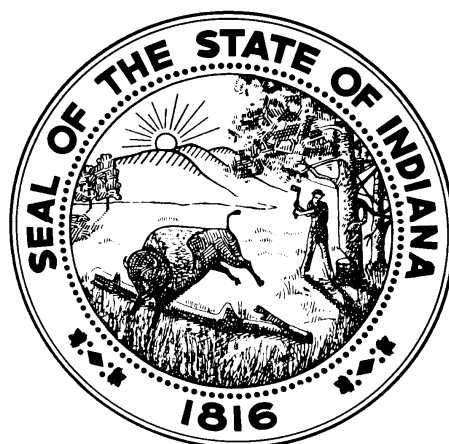
EXAMINATION REPORT

OF

GERMAN TOWNSHIP

BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY, INDIANA

January 1, 2006 to December 31, 2007



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OFFICIALS

<u>Office</u>	<u>Official</u>	<u>Term</u>
Trustee	Chris West	01-01-06 to 12-31-10
Chairman of the Township Board	Rick Weinantz Larry Hoeltke	01-01-06 to 12-31-07 01-01-08 to 12-31-08



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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

TO: THE OFFICIALS OF GERMAN TOWNSHIP, BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY, INDIANA

We have examined the financial information presented herein of German 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

August 27, 2008

GERMAN TOWNSHIP, BARTHOLOMEW 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:				
General	\$ 27,035	\$ 34,366	\$ 29,857	\$ 31,544
Dog	300	245	133	412
Township Assistance	8,460	45,454	44,822	9,092
Firefighting	46,058	54,757	62,150	38,665
Cumulative Fire	51,732	56,851	40,392	68,191
Totals	<u>\$ 133,585</u>	<u>\$ 191,673</u>	<u>\$ 177,354</u>	<u>\$ 147,904</u>

	Cash and Investments 01-01-07	Receipts	Disbursements	Cash and Investments 12-31-07
Governmental Funds:				
General	\$ 31,544	\$ 57,492	\$ 36,461	\$ 52,575
Dog	412	-	412	-
Township Assistance	9,092	64,707	48,134	25,665
Firefighting	38,665	34,859	65,000	8,524
Cumulative Fire	68,191	70,156	53,674	84,673
Totals	<u>\$ 147,904</u>	<u>\$ 227,214</u>	<u>\$ 203,681</u>	<u>\$ 171,437</u>

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

GERMAN TOWNSHIP, BARTHOLOMEW 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.

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.

GERMAN TOWNSHIP, BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY
EXAMINATION RESULTS AND COMMENTS

BANK ACCOUNT RECONCILIATIONS

Depository reconciliations of the fund balances to the bank account balances were not presented for examination.

Indiana Code 5-13-6-1(e) states in part:

"All local investment officers shall reconcile at least monthly the balance of public funds, as disclosed by the records of the local officers, with the balance statements provided by the respective depositories."

At all times, the manual and/or computerized records, subsidiary ledgers, control ledger, and reconciled bank balance should agree. If the reconciled bank balance is less than the subsidiary or control ledgers, then the responsible official or employee may be held personally responsible for the amount needed to balance the fund. (Accounting and Uniform Compliance Guidelines Manual for Townships, Chapter 13)

CONDITION OF RECORDS

The following deficiency relating to the recordkeeping was noted.

There were a considerable number of posting errors. The errors included interest not posted, and a check noted as void but cleared the bank.

LIST OF EMPLOYEES NOT FILED WITH COUNTY TREASURER

Officials or employees of the Township had money due from the Township, but a list of such employees was not certified to the County Treasurer.

Indiana Code 6-1.1-22-14(a) states in part: "on or before June 1 and December 1 of each year . . . the disbursing officer of each political subdivision . . . shall certify the names and addresses of each person who has money due from the political subdivision to the treasurer of each county in which the political subdivision is located."

GERMAN TOWNSHIP, BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY
EXIT CONFERENCE

The contents of this report were discussed on August 27, 2008, with Chris West, Trustee. The official concurred with our findings.