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EXAMINATION REPORT

OF

NOBLE TOWNSHIP

WABASH COUNTY, INDIANA

January 1, 2006 to December 31, 2007



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Official

Term

Trustee

Sue E. Ridenour

01-01-03 to 12-31-10

Chairman of the  
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01-01-06 to 12-31-08



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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

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

We have examined the financial information presented herein of Noble 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.

The Schedule of Capital Assets, as listed in the Table of Contents, is presented for additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial information. It has not been subjected to the examination procedures applied to the basic financial information and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

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November 14, 2008

NOBLE TOWNSHIP, WABASH 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	\$ 153,364	\$ 83,424	\$ 89,721	\$ 147,067
Dog	1,252	900	2,152	-
Township Assistance	389,695	59,666	93,339	356,022
Firefighting	539,429	176,204	232,990	482,643
Levy Excess	2,121	2,664	2,121	2,664
Cumulative Fire	44,995	14,219	10,178	49,036
Totals	<u>\$ 1,130,856</u>	<u>\$ 337,077</u>	<u>\$ 430,501</u>	<u>\$ 1,037,432</u>

	Cash and Investments 01-01-07	Receipts	Disbursements	Cash and Investments 12-31-07
Governmental Funds:				
Township	\$ 147,067	\$ 81,758	\$ 24,113	\$ 204,712
Township Assistance	356,022	64,807	37,794	383,035
Firefighting	482,643	187,811	169,754	500,700
Levy Excess	2,664	4,031	-	6,695
Cumulative Fire	49,036	15,370	303	64,103
Totals	<u>\$ 1,037,432</u>	<u>\$ 353,777</u>	<u>\$ 231,964</u>	<u>\$ 1,159,245</u>

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

NOBLE TOWNSHIP, WABASH 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, 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.

NOBLE TOWNSHIP, WABASH 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.

Note 7. Subsequent Event

During 2008, the Township purchased a pumper body for a fire truck chassis in the amount of \$214,642.

NOBLE TOWNSHIP, WABASH COUNTY  
 SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION  
 SCHEDULE OF CAPITAL ASSETS  
 December 31, 2007

Capital assets are reported at actual or estimated historical cost based on appraisals or deflated current replacement cost. Contributed or donated assets are reported at estimated fair value at the time received.

	<u>Ending Balance</u>
Governmental activities:	
Capital assets, not being depreciated:	
Land	\$ 5,400
Buildings	430,786
Machinery and equipment	<u>880,595</u>
 Total governmental activities, capital assets not being depreciated	 <u><u>\$ 1,316,781</u></u>

NOBLE TOWNSHIP, WABASH COUNTY  
EXIT CONFERENCE

The contents of this report were discussed on November 14, 2008, with Sue E. Ridenour, Trustee. Our examination disclosed no material items that warrant comment at this time.