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EXAMINATION REPORT

OF

HALBERT TOWNSHIP

MARTIN COUNTY, INDIANA

January 1, 2006 to December 31, 2007

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OFFICIALS

Office	Official	Term
Trustee	Gerald D. Montgomery	01-01-03 to 12-31-10
Chairman of the Township Board	J. Keith Gibson	01-01-06 to 12-31-08

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

TO: THE OFFICIALS OF HALBERT TOWNSHIP, MARTIN COUNTY, INDIANA

We have examined the financial information presented herein of Halbert 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.

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November 24, 2008

HALBERT TOWNSHIP, MARTIN 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	$ 21,850	$ 29,106	$ 26,727	$ 24,229
Dog	410	24	434	-
Township Assistance	15,161	8,196	9,537	13,820
Firefighting	18,979	9,975	6,436	22,518
Library	243	2,675	2,800	118
Rainy Day	4,010	-	-	4,010
Fiduciary Fund:				
Payroll Withholdings	-	2,371	1,021	1,350
Totals	$ 60,653	$ 52,347	$ 46,955	$ 66,045

	Cash and Investments 01-01-07	Receipts	Disbursements	Cash and Investments 12-31-07
Governmental Funds:				
Township	$ 24,229	$ 36,626	$ 28,045	$ 32,810
Township Assistance	13,820	8,995	8,755	14,060
Firefighting	22,518	5,440	6,311	21,647
Library	118	3,850	3,800	168
Rainy Day	4,010	836	-	4,846
Fiduciary Fund:				
Payroll Withholdings	1,350	370	1,422	298
Totals	$ 66,045	$ 56,117	$ 48,333	$ 73,829

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

HALBERT TOWNSHIP, MARTIN 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.

HALBERT TOWNSHIP, MARTIN COUNTY
EXIT CONFERENCE

The contents of this report were discussed on November 24, 2008, with Gerald D. Montgomery, Trustee. Our examination disclosed no material items that warrant comment at this time.