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EXAMINATION REPORT
OF
COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP
GIBSON COUNTY, INDIANA
January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2009



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Trustee

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01-01-07 to 12-31-10

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

TO: THE OFFICIALS OF COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP, GIBSON COUNTY, INDIANA

We have examined the financial information presented herein of Columbia Township (Township), for the period of January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2009. 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, 2008 and 2009, based on the criteria set forth in the uniform compliance guidelines established by the Indiana State Board of Accounts.

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March 30, 2010

COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP, GIBSON COUNTY
SCHEDULES OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND CASH AND INVESTMENT BALANCES
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
As Of And For The Years Ended December 31, 2008 And 2009

	Cash and Investments 01-01-08	Receipts	Disbursements	Cash and Investments 12-31-08
Governmental Funds:				
Township	\$ 69,640	\$ 36,213	\$ 30,076	\$ 75,777
Township Assistance	43,660	18,345	16,526	45,479
Firefighting	131,905	48,068	35,127	144,846
Park and Recreation	2,360	2,216	1,500	3,076
Fire Donation	6,850	10,000	-	16,850
Totals	<u>\$ 254,415</u>	<u>\$ 114,842</u>	<u>\$ 83,229</u>	<u>\$ 286,028</u>

	Cash and Investments 01-01-09	Receipts	Disbursements	Cash and Investments 12-31-09
Governmental Funds:				
Township	\$ 75,777	\$ 37,949	\$ 30,275	\$ 83,451
Township Assistance	45,479	18,222	20,459	43,242
Firefighting	144,846	51,207	117,827	78,226
Park and Recreation	3,076	2,240	1,000	4,316
Fire Debt	16,850	550	-	17,400
Totals	<u>\$ 286,028</u>	<u>\$ 110,168</u>	<u>\$ 169,561</u>	<u>\$ 226,635</u>

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

COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP, GIBSON 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.

COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP, GIBSON COUNTY
EXAMINATION RESULT AND COMMENT

FIREFIGHTING CONTRACTS

Supporting documentation, agreements, or contracts for firefighting services provided by the Volunteer Fire Department were not presented for examination.

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)

COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP, GIBSON COUNTY
EXIT CONFERENCE

The contents of this report were discussed on April 5, 2010, with Karen Rowe, Trustee. The official concurred with our finding.