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EXAMINATION REPORT
OF
COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP
JENNINGS COUNTY, INDIANA
January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2009



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OFFICIALS

<u>Office</u>	<u>Official</u>	<u>Term</u>
Trustee	Jean C. Hahn	01-01-07 to 12-31-10
Chairman of the Township Board	Nelson Ponsler Dwayne Sporleder Nelson Ponsler	01-01-07 to 12-31-08 01-01-09 to 12-31-09 01-01-10 to 12-31-10



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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

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

We have examined the financial information presented herein of Columbia Township (Township), for the period of January 1, 2007 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, 2007, 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 24, 2010

COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP, JENNINGS COUNTY
SCHEDULES OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND CASH AND INVESTMENT BALANCES
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES
As Of And For The Years Ended December 31, 2007, 2008, And 2009

	Cash and Investments 01-01-07	Receipts	Disbursements	Cash and Investments 12-31-07
Governmental Funds:				
Township	\$ 9,114	\$ 10,140	\$ 11,903	\$ 7,351
Dog	286	-	286	-
Township Assistance	9,705	2,928	2,031	10,602
Firefighting	4,815	4,902	4,000	5,717
Totals	<u>\$ 23,920</u>	<u>\$ 17,970</u>	<u>\$ 18,220</u>	<u>\$ 23,670</u>

	Cash and Investments 01-01-08	Receipts	Disbursements	Cash and Investments 12-31-08
Governmental Funds:				
Township	\$ 7,351	\$ 11,317	\$ 13,219	\$ 5,449
Township Assistance	10,602	2,923	1,809	11,716
Firefighting	5,717	5,110	5,000	5,827
Totals	<u>\$ 23,670</u>	<u>\$ 19,350</u>	<u>\$ 20,028</u>	<u>\$ 22,992</u>

	Cash and Investments 01-01-09	Receipts	Disbursements	Cash and Investments 12-31-09
Governmental Funds:				
Township	\$ 5,449	\$ 12,699	\$ 13,427	\$ 4,721
Township Assistance	11,716	2,497	1,956	12,257
Firefighting	5,827	4,123	5,000	4,950
Totals	<u>\$ 22,992</u>	<u>\$ 19,319</u>	<u>\$ 20,383</u>	<u>\$ 21,928</u>

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

COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP, JENNINGS 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.

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, JENNINGS COUNTY
EXIT CONFERENCE

The contents of this report were discussed on March 24, 2010, with Jean C. Hahn, Trustee. Our examination disclosed no material items that warrant comment at this time.