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EXAMINATION REPORT  
OF  
BLUE RIVER TOWNSHIP  
HANCOCK COUNTY, INDIANA  
January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2009



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OFFICIALS

Office

Official

Term

Trustee

Paul E. Cooper

01-01-07 to 12-31-10

Chairman of the  
Township Board

David Cook  
David Thurston

01-01-08 to 12-31-09  
01-01-10 to 12-31-10



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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

TO: THE OFFICIALS OF BLUE RIVER TOWNSHIP, HANCOCK COUNTY, INDIANA

We have examined the financial information presented herein of Blue River 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.

STATE BOARD OF ACCOUNTS

March 30, 2010

BLUE RIVER TOWNSHIP, HANCOCK COUNTY  
SCHEDULES OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND CASH AND INVESTMENT BALANCES  
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES  
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	\$ 26,703	\$ 9,096	\$ 12,103	\$ 23,696
Township Assistance	5,714	1,926	360	7,280
Fire Fighting	163,403	42,433	68,948	136,888
Cemetery	500	-	-	500
Levy Excess	512	-	-	512
Rainy Day	2,343	1,987	-	4,330
	<u>199,175</u>	<u>55,442</u>	<u>81,411</u>	<u>173,206</u>
Totals	<u>\$ 199,175</u>	<u>\$ 55,442</u>	<u>\$ 81,411</u>	<u>\$ 173,206</u>
	Cash and Investments 01-01-09	Receipts	Disbursements	Cash and Investments 12-31-09
Governmental Funds:				
Township	\$ 23,696	\$ 9,210	\$ 12,751	\$ 20,155
Township Assistance	7,280	2,822	879	9,223
Fire Fighting	136,888	24,213	16,030	145,071
Cemetery	500	-	-	500
Levy Excess	512	-	-	512
Rainy Day	4,330	1,455	-	5,785
	<u>173,206</u>	<u>37,700</u>	<u>29,660</u>	<u>181,246</u>
Totals	<u>\$ 173,206</u>	<u>\$ 37,700</u>	<u>\$ 29,660</u>	<u>\$ 181,246</u>

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

BLUE RIVER TOWNSHIP, HANCOCK 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.

BLUE RIVER TOWNSHIP, HANCOCK COUNTY  
EXAMINATION RESULTS AND COMMENTS

OFFICIAL BONDS

The official bonds for the Trustee for 2008 and 2009 were not filed in the Office of the Hancock County Recorder.

IC 5-4-1-5.1(b) states in part: "Every elected or appointed officer, official, deputy, or employee of a political subdivision . . . shall file the bond in the office of the county recorder . . ."

ANNUAL REPORT

An annual report for 2009 was not submitted electronically as required.

IC 5-11-1-4 states in part: "The state examiner shall require from every municipality and every state or local governmental unit, entity, or instrumentality financial reports covering the full period of each fiscal year. These reports shall be prepared, verified, and filed with the state examiner not later than sixty (60) days after the close of each fiscal year. The reports must be filed electronically, in a manner prescribed by the state examiner that is compatible with the technology employed by the political subdivision."

BLUE RIVER, HANCOCK COUNTY  
EXIT CONFERENCE

The contents of this report were discussed on March 30, 2010, with Paul E. Cooper, Trustee. The official concurred with our findings.