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EXAMINATION REPORT
OF
LINCOLN TOWNSHIP
WHITE COUNTY, INDIANA
January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2009



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OFFICIALS

<u>Office</u>	<u>Official</u>	<u>Term</u>
Trustee	Alan Sickler	01-01-07 to 12-31-10
Chairman of the Township Board	Scott Simons	01-01-08 to 12-31-08
	Marion Geisler	01-01-09 to 12-31-09
	Robert Houser	01-01-10 to 12-31-10



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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

TO: THE OFFICIALS OF LINCOLN TOWNSHIP, WHITE COUNTY, INDIANA

We have examined the financial information presented herein of Lincoln 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 25, 2010

LINCOLN TOWNSHIP, WHITE 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	\$ 44,114	\$ 10,815	\$ 11,633	\$ 43,296
Township Assistance	25,550	4,425	2,361	27,614
Firefighting	16,577	11,565	8,540	19,602
Rainy Day	2,174	1,006	-	3,180
Cumulative Fire	11,922	5,267	5,000	12,189
Totals	<u>\$ 100,337</u>	<u>\$ 33,078</u>	<u>\$ 27,534</u>	<u>\$ 105,881</u>

	Cash and Investments 01-01-09	Receipts	Disbursements	Cash and Investments 12-31-09
Governmental Funds:				
Township	\$ 43,296	\$ 13,332	\$ 11,834	\$ 44,794
Township Assistance	27,614	4,283	3,431	28,466
Firefighting	19,602	12,741	9,063	23,280
Rainy Day	3,180	314	97	3,397
Cumulative Fire	12,189	6,241	5,000	13,430
Totals	<u>\$ 105,881</u>	<u>\$ 36,911</u>	<u>\$ 29,425</u>	<u>\$ 113,367</u>

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

LINCOLN TOWNSHIP, WHITE 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.

LINCOLN TOWNSHIP, WHITE COUNTY
EXAMINATION RESULT AND COMMENT

PENALTIES, INTEREST, AND OTHER CHARGES

Penalties and interest totaling \$34.94 were paid to the Internal Revenue Service on August 10, 2009, for the period ending March 31, 2009.

Officials and employees have the duty to pay claims and remit taxes in a timely fashion. Failure to pay claims or remit taxes in a timely manner could be an indicator of serious financial problems which should be investigated by the governmental unit.

Additionally, officials and employees have a responsibility to perform duties in a manner which would not result in any unreasonable fees being assessed against the governmental unit.

Any penalties, interest or other charges paid by the governmental unit may be the personal obligation of the responsible official or employee. (Accounting and Uniform Compliance Guidelines Manual for Townships, Chapter 13)

Each governmental unit is responsible for compliance with all rules, regulations, guidelines, and directives of the Internal Revenue Service and the Indiana Department of Revenue. All questions concerning taxes should be directed to these agencies. (Accounting and Uniform Compliance Guidelines Manual for Townships, Chapter 13)

LINCOLN TOWNSHIP, WHITE COUNTY
EXIT CONFERENCE

The contents of this report were discussed on March 29, 2010, with Alan Sickler, Trustee. The official concurred with our finding.