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EXAMINATION REPORT
OF
BUTLER TOWNSHIP
FRANKLIN COUNTY, INDIANA
January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2009



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OFFICIALS

<u>Office</u>	<u>Official</u>	<u>Term</u>
Trustee	Charles Fledderman	01-01-07 to 12-31-10
Chairman of the Township Board	Robert Amberger	01-01-08 to 12-31-10



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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

TO: THE OFFICIALS OF BUTLER TOWNSHIP, FRANKLIN COUNTY, INDIANA

We have examined the financial information presented herein of Butler 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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April 13, 2010

BUTLER TOWNSHIP, FRANKLIN 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	\$ 2,785	\$ 7,803	\$ 11,287	\$ (699)
Township Assistance	2,708	4,791	5,401	2,098
Firefighting	419	5,449	3,210	2,658
	<u>5,912</u>	<u>18,043</u>	<u>19,898</u>	<u>4,057</u>
Totals	<u>\$ 5,912</u>	<u>\$ 18,043</u>	<u>\$ 19,898</u>	<u>\$ 4,057</u>

	Cash and Investments 01-01-09	Receipts	Disbursements	Cash and Investments 12-31-09
Governmental Funds:				
Township	\$ (699)	\$ 12,653	\$ 10,608	\$ 1,346
Township Assistance	2,098	4,411	5,781	728
Firefighting	2,658	5,670	5,457	2,871
	<u>4,057</u>	<u>22,734</u>	<u>21,846</u>	<u>4,945</u>
Totals	<u>\$ 4,057</u>	<u>\$ 22,734</u>	<u>\$ 21,846</u>	<u>\$ 4,945</u>

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

BUTLER TOWNSHIP, FRANKLIN 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.

BUTLER TOWNSHIP, FRANKLIN COUNTY
EXAMINATION RESULTS AND COMMENTS

OFFICIAL BOND

The Trustee's official bond was not filed in the office of the 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 . . ."

APPROPRIATIONS

Records presented for examination indicated the following expenditures in excess of budgeted appropriations:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Years</u>	<u>Excess Amount Expended</u>
Township Assistance	2008	\$ 2,901
Township Assistance	2009	1,095

IC 6-1.1-18-4 states in part: ". . . the proper officers of a political subdivision shall appropriate funds in such a manner that the expenditures for a year do not exceed its budget for that year as finally determined under this article."

LIST OF EMPLOYEES NOT FILED WITH COUNTY TREASURER

Officials or employees of the Township had money due from the Township, but a list of such employees was not certified to the County Treasurer.

IC 6-1.1-22-14(a) states in part: "On or before June 1 and December 1 of each year . . . the disbursing officer of each political subdivision . . . shall certify the names and addresses of each person who has money due the person from the political subdivision to the treasurer of each county in which the political subdivision is located."

BANK ACCOUNT RECONCILIATIONS

Depository reconciliations of the fund balances to the bank account balances were not presented for examination

IC 5-13-6-1(e) states: "All local investment officers shall reconcile at least monthly the balance of public funds, as disclosed by the records of the local officers, with the balance statements provided by the respective depositories."

BUTLER TOWNSHIP, FRANKLIN COUNTY
EXAMINATION RESULTS AND COMMENTS
(Continued)

At all times, the manual and/or computerized records, subsidiary ledgers, control ledger, and reconciled bank balance should agree. If the reconciled bank balance is less than the subsidiary or control ledgers, then the responsible official or employee may be held personally responsible for the amount needed to balance the fund. (Accounting and Uniform Compliance Guidelines Manual for Townships, Chapter 13)

PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS

Payments to some employees were made without payroll deductions for taxes.

Political subdivisions are required to comply with all grant agreements, rules, regulations, bulletins, directives, letters, letter rulings, and filing requirements concerning reports and other procedural matters of federal and state agencies, including opinions of the Attorney General of the State of Indiana, and court decisions. Governmental units should file accurate reports required by federal and state agencies. Noncompliance may require corrective action. (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)

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)

BUTLER TOWNSHIP, FRANKLIN COUNTY
EXIT CONFERENCE

The contents of this report were discussed on April 13, 2010, with Charles Fledderman, Trustee.