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EXAMINATION REPORT
OF
HIGHLAND 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	Arthur Defossett, Jr.	01-01-07 to 12-31-10
Chairman of the Township Board	Bonita Knecht	01-01-08 to 12-31-10



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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

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

We have examined the financial information presented herein of Highland 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 8, 2010

HIGHLAND 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	\$ 2,075	\$ 20,978	\$ 13,159	\$ 9,894
Township Assistance	6,256	2,609	960	7,905
Firefighting	13,586	5,358	5,152	13,792
Levy Excess	323	-	323	-
Totals	<u>\$ 22,240</u>	<u>\$ 28,945</u>	<u>\$ 19,594</u>	<u>\$ 31,591</u>

	Cash and Investments 01-01-09	Receipts	Disbursements	Cash and Investments 12-31-09
Governmental Funds:				
Township	\$ 9,894	\$ 21,904	\$ 12,985	\$ 18,813
Township Assistance	7,905	3,329	2,155	9,079
Firefighting	13,792	5,920	5,610	14,102
Totals	<u>\$ 31,591</u>	<u>\$ 31,153</u>	<u>\$ 20,750</u>	<u>\$ 41,994</u>

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

HIGHLAND 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.

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.

HIGHLAND TOWNSHIP, FRANKLIN COUNTY
EXAMINATION RESULTS AND COMMENTS

OFFICIAL BOND

The Trustee's official bond on file in the office of the County Recorder reflected a coverage amount of \$15,000.

Until July 1, 2009, IC 5-4-1-18 stated in part:

"(c) The fiscal bodies of the respective units shall fix the amount of the bond of . . . township trustees . . . as follows:

- (1) The amount must equal fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) for each one million dollars (\$1,000,000) of receipts of the officer's office during the last complete fiscal year before the purchase of the bond, subject to subdivision (2).
- (2) The amount may not be less than fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) nor more than three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) . . ."

Effective July 1, 2009, IC 5-4-1-18 states in part:

"(c) Except as provided in subsections (h) and (i), the fiscal bodies of the respective units shall fix the amount of the bond of . . . township trustees . . . as follows:

- (1) The amount of annual coverage must equal thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) for each one million dollars (\$1,000,000) of receipts of the officer's office during the last complete fiscal year before the purchase of the bond, subject to subdivision (2).
- (2) The amount of annual coverage may not be less than thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) nor more than three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) unless the fiscal body approves a greater amount of annual coverage for the officer or employee. . . ."

HIGHLAND TOWNSHIP, FRANKLIN COUNTY
EXIT CONFERENCE

The contents of this report were discussed on April 8, 2010, with Arthur Defossett, Jr., Trustee.