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EXAMINATION REPORT  
OF  
FINLEY TOWNSHIP  
SCOTT COUNTY, INDIANA  
January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2009



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OFFICIALS

<u>Office</u>	<u>Official</u>	<u>Term</u>
Trustee	Daniel D. Robbins	01-01-07 to 12-31-10
Chairman of the Township Board	James C. Cozart	01-01-07 to 12-31-07
	Robert G. Comer	01-01-08 to 12-31-08
	James C. Cozart	01-01-09 to 12-31-09
	Rodney J. Rudder	01-01-10 to 12-31-10



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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

TO: THE OFFICIALS OF FINLEY TOWNSHIP, SCOTT COUNTY, INDIANA

We have examined the financial information presented herein of Finley 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.

STATE BOARD OF ACCOUNTS

March 30, 2010

FINLEY TOWNSHIP, SCOTT COUNTY  
SCHEDULES OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND CASH AND INVESTMENT BALANCES  
ALL GOVERNMENTAL AND FIDUCIARY 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	\$ 3,141	\$ 15,833	\$ 16,895	\$ 2,079
Township Assistance	1,746	2,540	2,979	1,307
Firefighting	5,839	10,298	14,165	1,972
Dog	434	-	134	300
Rainy Day	2,333	-	2,333	-
Fiduciary Fund:				
Payroll Withholdings	-	982	982	-
Totals	<u>\$ 13,493</u>	<u>\$ 29,653</u>	<u>\$ 37,488</u>	<u>\$ 5,658</u>

	Cash and Investments 01-01-08	Receipts	Disbursements	Cash and Investments 12-31-08
Governmental Funds:				
Township	\$ 2,079	\$ 16,863	\$ 19,019	\$ (77)
Township Assistance	1,307	3,848	1,927	3,228
Firefighting	1,972	13,745	13,496	2,221
Dog	300	-	-	300
Rainy Day	-	428	-	428
Fiduciary Fund:				
Payroll Withholdings	-	1,011	1,011	-
Totals	<u>\$ 5,658</u>	<u>\$ 35,895</u>	<u>\$ 35,453</u>	<u>\$ 6,100</u>

	Cash and Investments 01-01-09	Receipts	Disbursements	Cash and Investments 12-31-09
Governmental Funds:				
Township	\$ (77)	\$ 18,591	\$ 17,307	\$ 1,207
Township Assistance	3,228	2,960	2,658	3,530
Firefighting	2,221	13,475	13,847	1,849
Dog	300	-	300	-
Rainy Day	428	177	-	605
Fiduciary Fund:				
Payroll Withholdings	-	840	840	-
Totals	<u>\$ 6,100</u>	<u>\$ 36,043</u>	<u>\$ 34,952</u>	<u>\$ 7,191</u>

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

FINLEY TOWNSHIP, SCOTT 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.

FINLEY TOWNSHIP, SCOTT COUNTY  
EXAMINATION RESULT AND COMMENT

OPTICAL IMAGES OF CHECKS AND DEPOSIT SLIPS

The financial institution did not return the actual cancelled checks or deposit slips with the monthly bank statements, but instead returned only an optical image of the front side of the checks and did not return an optical image of the front or back sides of any deposit slips.

IC 5-15-6-3(a) concerning optical imaging of checks states in part:

". . . 'original records' includes the optical image of a check or deposit document when:

- (1) the check or deposit document is recorded, copied, or reproduced by an optical imaging process . . . ; and
- (2) the drawer of the check receives an optical image of the check after the check is processed for payment or the depositor receives an optical image of the deposit document after the document has been processed for the deposit. "

Furthermore, IC 26-2-8-111 states in part:

"(a) If a law requires that certain records be retained, that requirement is met by retaining an electronic record of the information in the record that:

- (1) accurately reflects the information set forth in the record after it was first generated in its final form as an electronic record or otherwise; and
- (2) remains accessible for later reference."

"(e) If a law requires retention of a check, that requirement is satisfied by retention of an electronic record of the information on the front and back of the check in accordance with subsection (a)."

FINLEY TOWNSHIP, SCOTT COUNTY  
EXIT CONFERENCE

The contents of this report were discussed on March 30, 2010, with Daniel D. Robbins, Trustee.  
The official concurred with our finding.