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EXAMINATION REPORT
OF
MARION TOWNSHIP
OWEN COUNTY, INDIANA
January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2009



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OFFICIALS

Office

Official

Term

Trustee

James Elliott

01-01-07 to 12-31-10

Chairman of the
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Janice Vaughn

01-01-08 to 12-31-10



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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

TO: THE OFFICIALS OF MARION TOWNSHIP, OWEN COUNTY, INDIANA

We have examined the financial information presented herein of Marion 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

April 7, 2010

MARION TOWNSHIP, OWEN 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, 2008 And 2009

| | Cash and Investments 01-01-08 | Receipts | Disbursements | Cash and Investments 12-31-08 |
|----------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Governmental Funds: | | | | |
| Township | \$ 15,109 | \$ 14,541 | \$ 16,183 | \$ 13,467 |
| Township Assistance | 6,404 | 2,451 | 4,455 | 4,400 |
| Firefighting | 50,365 | 57,663 | 100,508 | 7,520 |
| Rainy Day | 2,302 | 2,735 | 5,014 | 23 |
| Levy Excess | 212 | - | 212 | - |
| Fiduciary Fund: | | | | |
| Payroll Withholdings | - | 418 | - | 418 |
| Totals | <u>\$ 74,392</u> | <u>\$ 77,808</u> | <u>\$ 126,372</u> | <u>\$ 25,828</u> |

| | Cash and Investments 01-01-09 | Receipts | Disbursements | Cash and Investments 12-31-09 |
|----------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Governmental Funds: | | | | |
| Township | \$ 13,467 | \$ 20,677 | \$ 11,134 | \$ 23,010 |
| Township Assistance | 4,400 | 6,969 | 8,186 | 3,183 |
| Firefighting | 7,520 | 7,299 | 10,909 | 3,910 |
| Rainy Day | 23 | 597 | 600 | 20 |
| Fiduciary Fund: | | | | |
| Payroll Withholdings | 418 | 418 | 418 | 418 |
| Totals | <u>\$ 25,828</u> | <u>\$ 35,960</u> | <u>\$ 31,247</u> | <u>\$ 30,541</u> |

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

MARION TOWNSHIP, OWEN 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 (Indiana Code 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 (Indiana Code 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.

MARION TOWNSHIP, OWEN COUNTY
EXAMINATION RESULTS AND COMMENTS

OFFICIAL BOND

The official bond for James Elliott, Township Trustee, was recorded in the Office of the County Recorder in the amount of \$15,000 without a rider added from July 1, 2009 to December 31, 2009. Additionally, the bond for 2010 was still in the amount of \$15,000.

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."

The State Board of Accounts is of the audit position in order to comply with the changes made in Public Law 176 effective July 1, 2009, governments will have to purchase riders on their current bond coverage for the remainder of the calendar year; and beginning January 1, 2010, will have to provide annual bond coverage. We are also of the audit position a new bond should be obtained for each year and continuation certificates or renewals should not be used in lieu of obtaining a new bond. (The Township Bulletin and Uniform Compliance Guidelines, Volume 286)

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Several payments were observed which did not contain adequate supporting documentation, such as receipts, invoices, and other public records. Due to the lack of supporting information, the validity and accountability for some money disbursed could not be established.

Supporting documentation such as receipts, canceled checks, tickets, invoices, bills, contracts, and other public records must be available for audit to provide supporting information for the validity and accountability of monies disbursed. Payments without supporting documentation may be the personal obligation of the responsible official or employee. (Accounting and Uniform Compliance Guidelines Manual for Townships, Chapter 13)

MARION TOWNSHIP, OWEN COUNTY
EXAMINATION RESULTS AND COMMENTS
(Continued)

CONTRACTS

Records presented for examination indicate payments were made for cemetery care without a contract.

Payments made or received for contractual services should be supported by a written contract. Each governmental unit is responsible for complying with the provisions of its contracts. (Accounting and Uniform Compliance Guidelines Manual for Townships, Chapter 13)

APPROPRIATIONS

The 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 | \$ 755 |
| General Fund | 2009 | 724 |
| Township Assistance | 2009 | 2,021 |

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."

MARION TOWNSHIP, OWEN COUNTY
EXIT CONFERENCE

The contents of this report were discussed on April 7, 2010, with James Elliott, Trustee. The official concurred with our findings.