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EXAMINATION REPORT
OF
WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP
BLACKFORD COUNTY, INDIANA
January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2009



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OFFICIALS

<u>Office</u>	<u>Official</u>	<u>Term</u>
Trustee	James R. Thurman	01-01-07 to 12-31-10
Chairman of the Township Board	Douglas D. Mann	01-01-08 to 12-31-08
	Thomas J. Aulbach	01-01-09 to 12-31-09
	Douglas D. Mann	01-01-10 to 12-31-10



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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

TO: THE OFFICIALS OF WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP, BLACKFORD COUNTY, INDIANA

We have examined the financial information presented herein of Washington 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.

The Schedule of Long-Term Debt, as listed in the Table of Contents, is presented for additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial information. It has not been subjected to the examination procedures applied to the basic financial information and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

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April 14, 2010

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP, BLACKFORD 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	\$ 15,382	\$ 14,278	\$ 12,153	\$ 17,507
Township Assistance	6,517	-	200	6,317
Firefighting	8,100	20,056	20,094	8,062
Fire Equipment Debt	-	11,894	8,483	3,411
Dog	562	-	-	562
Levy Excess	404	-	404	-
Fiduciary Fund:				
Payroll Deductions	459	-	459	-
Totals	<u>\$ 31,424</u>	<u>\$ 46,228</u>	<u>\$ 41,793</u>	<u>\$ 35,859</u>
	Cash and Investments 01-01-09	Receipts	Disbursements	Cash and Investments 12-31-09
Governmental Funds:				
Township	\$ 17,507	\$ 16,175	\$ 11,598	\$ 22,084
Township Assistance	6,317	82	1,030	5,369
Firefighting	8,062	21,479	20,661	8,880
Fire Equipment Debt	3,411	5,204	8,483	132
Dog	562	-	-	562
Totals	<u>\$ 35,859</u>	<u>\$ 42,940</u>	<u>\$ 41,772</u>	<u>\$ 37,027</u>

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

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP, BLACKFORD 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.

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP, BLACKFORD COUNTY
 SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
 SCHEDULE OF LONG-TERM DEBT
 December 31, 2009

Description of Debt	Ending Principal Balance	Principal and Interest Due Within One Year
Governmental activities:		
Fire Truck Loan Payable	\$ 16,121	\$ 8,483

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP, BLACKFORD COUNTY
EXAMINATION RESULT AND COMMENT

DEPOSIT OF PUBLIC FUNDS

Approximately half of the tax distributions received from the County were deposited untimely.

IC 5-13-6-1(c) states in part: "The public funds collected by township trustees shall be deposited in the designated depository on or before the first and fifteenth day of each month."

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP, BLACKFORD COUNTY
EXIT CONFERENCE

The contents of this report were discussed on April 14, 2010, with James R. Thurman, Trustee; and Thomas J. Aulbach, Township Board member. The officials concurred with our finding.