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EXAMINATION REPORT  
OF  
PERU TOWNSHIP  
MIAMI COUNTY, INDIANA  
January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010



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Office

Official

Term

Trustee

Geraldine Bunker

10-01-09 to 12-31-14

Chairman of the  
Township Board

Ray Quinton

01-01-10 to 12-31-11



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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

TO: THE OFFICIALS OF PERU TOWNSHIP, MIAMI COUNTY, INDIANA

We have examined the financial statement of Peru Township (Township), for the period of January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010. The Township's management is responsible for the financial statement. 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 statement and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our examination provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As discussed in Note 1, the Township prepares its financial statement on the prescribed basis of accounting that demonstrates compliance with the reporting requirements established by the State Board of Accounts as allowed by state statute (IC 5-11-1-6), which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The basis noted above is a different basis than that used in the prior year.

In our opinion, the financial statement referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position and results of operations of the Township for the year ended December 31, 2010, on the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

The Combining Schedule of Receipts, Disbursements, and Cash and Investment Balances – Regulatory Basis and Schedule of Capital Assets, as listed in the Table of Contents, are presented for additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statement. They have not been subjected to the examination procedures applied to the financial statement and, accordingly, we express no opinion on them.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Township's management and the Township Advisory Board. It is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties. In accordance with Indiana Code 5-11-5-1, this report is a part of the public records of the State Board of Accounts and of the office examined.

STATE BOARD OF ACCOUNTS

June 15, 2011

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT

PERU TOWNSHIP, MIAMI COUNTY  
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND CASH AND INVESTMENT BALANCES  
REGULATORY BASIS  
For The Year Ended December 31, 2010

	Cash and Investments 01-01-10	Receipts	Disbursements	Cash and Investments 12-31-10
Township	\$ 309,010	\$ 30,861	\$ 45,911	\$ 293,960
Township Assistance	197,806	129,194	105,520	221,480
Levy Excess	4,282	348	-	4,630
Rainy Day	5,890	3,098	-	8,988
Reyburn Cemetery	8,209	385	1,200	7,394
Totals	<u>\$ 525,197</u>	<u>\$ 163,886</u>	<u>\$ 152,631</u>	<u>\$ 536,452</u>

PERU TOWNSHIP, MIAMI COUNTY  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT

**Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

*A. Reporting Entity*

The Township was established under the laws of the State of Indiana. The Township operates under a township trustee/township board form of government and provides some or all of the following services: public safety (fire), health and social services (township assistance), and general administrative services.

The accompanying financial statement presents the financial information for the Township (primary government), and does not include financial information for any of the Township's legally separate component units, which accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require to be reported with the financial information of the Township (primary government).

*B. Basis of Accounting*

The financial statements are reported on a regulatory basis of accounting prescribed by the State Board of Accounts in accordance with state statute (IC 5-11-1-6), which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Receipts are recorded when received and disbursements are recorded when paid.

The regulatory basis of accounting differs from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America in that receipts are recognized when received in cash, rather than when earned, and disbursements are recognized when paid, rather than when a liability is incurred.

*C. Cash and Investments*

Investments are stated at cost. Any changes in fair value of the investments are reported as receipts in the year of the sale of the investment.

*D. Receipts*

Receipts are presented in the aggregate on the face of the financial statements. The aggregate receipts may include, but are not limited to, the following sources:

Taxes which can include one or more of the following: property taxes, certified shares (local option tax), property tax replacement credit (local option tax), county option income tax, wheel tax, innkeepers tax, food and beverage tax, county economic development income tax, boat and trailer excise tax, county adjusted gross income tax, and other taxes that are set by the Township.

Intergovernmental receipts which include receipts from other governments in the form of operating grants, entitlements, or payments in lieu of taxes. Examples of this type of receipts include, but are not limited to: federal grants, state grants, cigarette tax distributions received from the state, motor vehicle highway distribution received from the state, local road and street distribution received from the state, financial institution tax received from the state, auto excise surtax received from the state, commercial vehicle excise tax received from the state, major moves distributions received from the state, and riverboat receipts received from the county.

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Charges for services which can include, but are not limited to the following: planning commission charges, building department charges, copies of public records, copy machine charges, accident report copies, gun permit applications, 911 telephone services, recycling fees, dog pound fees, emergency medical service fees, park rental fees, swimming pool receipts, cable tv receipts, ordinance violations, fines and fees, bond forfeitures, court costs, and court receipts.

Other receipts which include amounts received from various sources which can include, but are not limited to the following: net proceeds from borrowings; interfund loan activity; transfers authorized by statute, ordinance, resolution or court order; internal service receipts; and fiduciary receipts.

*E. Disbursements*

Disbursements are presented in the aggregate on the face of the financial statements. The aggregate disbursements may include, but are not limited to, the following uses:

Personal services include outflows for salaries, wages, and related employee benefits provided for all persons employed. In those units where sick leave, vacation leave, overtime compensation, and other such benefits are appropriated separately, such payments would also be included.

Supplies which include articles and commodities that are entirely consumed and materially altered when used and/or show rapid depreciation after use for a short period of time. Examples of supplies include office supplies, operating supplies, and repair and maintenance supplies.

Other services and charges which include, but are not limited to: professional services, communication and transportation, printing and advertising, insurance, utility services, repairs and maintenance, and rental charges.

Debt service principal and interest which include fixed obligations resulting from financial transactions previously entered into by the Township. It includes all expenditures for the reduction of the principal and interest of the Township's general obligation indebtedness.

Capital outlay which include all outflows for land, infrastructure, buildings, improvements, and machinery and equipment having an appreciable and calculable period of usefulness.

Other disbursements which include, but are not limited to the following: interfund loan payments, loans made to other funds, internal service disbursements, and transfers out that are authorized by statute, ordinance, resolution, or court order.

*F. Interfund Transfers*

The Township may, from time to time, transfer money from one fund to another. These transfers, if any, are included as a part of the receipts and disbursements of the affected funds and as a part of total receipts and disbursements. The transfers are used for cash flow purposes as provided by various statutory provisions.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
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*G. Fund Accounting*

Separate funds are established, maintained, and reported by the Township. Each fund is used to account for money received from and used for specific sources and uses as determined by various regulations. Restrictions on some funds are set by statute while other funds are internally restricted by the Township. The money accounted for in a specific fund may only be available for use for certain, legally restricted purposes. Additionally, some funds are used to account for assets held by the Township in a trustee capacity as an agent of individuals, private organizations, other funds, or other governmental units and therefore the funds cannot be used for any expenditures of the unit itself.

**Note 2. Budgets**

The operating budget is initially prepared and approved at the local level. The fiscal officer of the Township submits a proposed operating budget to the governing board for the following calendar year. The budget is advertised as required by law. Prior to adopting the budget, the governing board conducts public hearings and obtains taxpayer comments. Prior to November 1, the governing board approves the budget for the next year. The budget for funds for which property taxes are levied is subject to final approval by the Indiana Department of Local Government Finance.

**Note 3. Property Taxes**

Property taxes levied are collected by the County Treasurer and are scheduled to be distributed to the Township in June and December; however, situations can arise which would delay the distributions. 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 percent 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 normally become delinquent if not paid by May 10 and November 10, respectively.

**Note 4. Deposits and Investments**

Deposits, made in accordance with state statute (IC 5-13), with financial institutions in the State of Indiana at year end should be 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 statutes authorize 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.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
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**Note 5. Risk Management**

The Township may be exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; job related illnesses or injuries to employees; medical benefits to employees, retirees, and dependents; and natural disasters.

These risks can be mitigated through the purchase of insurance, establishment of a self-insurance fund, and/or participation in a risk pool. The purchase of insurance transfers the risk to an independent third party. The establishment of a self-insurance fund allows the Township to set aside money for claim settlements. The self-insurance fund would be included in the financial statements. The purpose of participation in a risk pool is to provide a medium for the funding and administration of the risks. These risks may also be mitigated by the Township by recording as a disbursement and replacement items purchased.

**Note 6. Pension Plan**

*A. Public Employees' Retirement Fund*

*Plan Description*

The Indiana Public Employees' Retirement Fund (PERF) is a defined benefit pension plan. PERF is an agent multiple-employer public employee retirement system, which provides retirement benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. All full-time employees are eligible to participate in this defined benefit plan. State statutes (IC 5-10.2 and 5-10.3) govern, through the PERF Board, most requirements of the system, and give the Township authority to contribute to the plan. The PERF retirement benefit consists of the pension provided by employer contributions plus an annuity provided by the member's annuity savings account. The annuity savings account consists of members' contributions, set by state statute at 3 percent of compensation, plus the interest credited to the member's account. The employer may elect to make the contributions on behalf of the member.

PERF administers the plan and issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for the plan as a whole and for its participants. That report may be obtained by contacting:

Public Employees' Retirement Fund  
Harrison Building, Room 800  
143 West Market Street  
Indianapolis, IN 46204  
Ph. (317) 233-4162

*Funding Policy and Annual Pension Cost*

The contribution requirements of the plan members for PERF are established by the Board of Trustees of PERF.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION – UNAUDITED

For additional financial information, Peru Township's Annual Report can be found on the Indiana Transparency Portal website: [www.in.gov/itp/annual\\_reports/](http://www.in.gov/itp/annual_reports/).

PERU TOWNSHIP, MIAMI COUNTY  
 COMBINING SCHEDULE OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND  
 CASH AND INVESTMENT BALANCES - REGULATORY BASIS  
 For The Year Ended December 31, 2010

	<u>Township</u>	<u>Township Assistance</u>	<u>Levy Excess</u>	<u>Rainy Day</u>	<u>Reyburn Cemetery</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Cash and investments - beginning	\$ 309,010	\$ 197,806	\$ 4,282	\$ 5,890	\$ 8,209	\$ 525,197
Receipts:						
Taxes	29,311	128,161	348	-	-	157,820
Charges for services	-	-	-	-	385	385
Other receipts	1,550	1,033	-	3,098	-	5,681
Total receipts	<u>30,861</u>	<u>129,194</u>	<u>348</u>	<u>3,098</u>	<u>385</u>	<u>163,886</u>
Disbursements:						
Personal services	26,664	33,665	-	-	1,200	61,529
Supplies	2,164	-	-	-	-	2,164
Other services and charges	13,827	794	-	-	-	14,621
Capital outlay	3,256	-	-	-	-	3,256
Other disbursements	-	71,061	-	-	-	71,061
Total disbursements	<u>45,911</u>	<u>105,520</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,200</u>	<u>152,631</u>
Excess (deficiency) of receipts over disbursements	<u>(15,050)</u>	<u>23,674</u>	<u>348</u>	<u>3,098</u>	<u>(815)</u>	<u>11,255</u>
Cash and investments - ending	<u>\$ 293,960</u>	<u>\$ 221,480</u>	<u>\$ 4,630</u>	<u>\$ 8,988</u>	<u>\$ 7,394</u>	<u>\$ 536,452</u>

PERU TOWNSHIP, MIAMI COUNTY  
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION  
SCHEDULE OF CAPITAL ASSETS  
December 31, 2010

Capital assets are reported at actual or estimated historical cost based on appraisals or deflated current replacement cost.

<u>Primary Government</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
Governmental activities:	
Capital assets, not being depreciated:	
Land	\$ 7,600
Buildings	<u>51,900</u>
Total governmental activities, capital assets not being depreciated	<u>\$ 59,500</u>

PERU TOWNSHIP, MIAMI COUNTY  
EXAMINATION RESULTS AND COMMENTS

***BANK ACCOUNT RECONCILIATIONS***

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

Indiana Code 5-13-6-1(e) states in part: "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."

***DEPOSIT AND RECORDING OF PUBLIC FUNDS***

Transaction histories from the Miami County Auditor indicated that two County Option Income Tax distributions totaling \$6,370 were issued on January 7, 2011. These distributions were recorded in the Township ledger (Township Assistance Fund) with a December 31, 2010 date. The distribution was not deposited in the Township's bank account until February 7, 2011.

During the year several other distributions from the Miami County Auditor were not receipted into the Township records for a month or more.

Indiana Code 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."

"Receipts shall be issued and recorded at the time of the transaction . . ." (Accounting and Uniform Compliance Guidelines Manual for Townships, Chapter 13)

PERU TOWNSHIP, MIAMI COUNTY  
EXIT CONFERENCE

The contents of this report were discussed on June 15, 2011, with Geraldine Bunker, Trustee. The official concurred with our findings.