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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AUDIT REPORT

OF

NOBLE TOWNSHIP

NOBLE COUNTY, INDIANA

January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2017



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SCHEDULE OF OFFICIALS

<u>Office</u>	<u>Official</u>	<u>Term</u>
Trustee	Scott D. Zeigler	12-01-13 to 12-31-18
Chairman of the Township Board	Roger D. Owen Justin L. Ross Robb H. Owen	01-01-14 to 12-31-14 01-01-15 to 12-31-17 01-01-18 to 12-31-18



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

TO: THE OFFICIALS OF NOBLE TOWNSHIP, NOBLE COUNTY, INDIANA

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Noble Township (Township), which comprise the financial position and results of operations for the period of January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2017, and the related notes to the financial statements as listed in the Table of Contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with the financial reporting provisions of the Indiana State Board of Accounts as allowed by state statute (IC 5-11-1-6). Management is responsible for and has determined that the regulatory basis of accounting, as established by the Indiana State Board of Accounts, is an acceptable basis of presentation. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the Township's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Township's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
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Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

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

The effects on the financial statements of the variances between the regulatory basis of accounting described in Note 1 and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, although not reasonably determinable, are presumed to be material.

Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter discussed in the *Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles* paragraph, the financial statements referred to above do not present fairly, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position and results of operations of the Township for the period of January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2017.


Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position and results of operations of the Township for the period of January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2017, in accordance with the financial reporting provisions of the Indiana State Board of Accounts described in Note 1.

Other Matters

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the Township's financial statement. The Combining Schedules of Receipts, Disbursements, and Cash and Investment Balances - Regulatory Basis, Schedule of Leases and Debt, and Schedule of Capital Assets, as listed in the Table of Contents, are presented for additional analysis and are not required parts of the financial statements. They have not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied by us in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on them.


Paul D. Joyce, CPA
State Examiner

June 6, 2018

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND ACCOMPANYING NOTES

The financial statements and accompanying notes were approved by management of the Township. The financial statements and notes are presented as intended by the Township.

NOBLE TOWNSHIP, NOBLE COUNTY
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND CASH
AND INVESTMENT BALANCES - REGULATORY BASIS
For the Years Ended December 31, 2014 and 2015

Fund	Cash and Investments 01-01-14	Receipts	Disbursements	Cash and Investments 12-31-14	Receipts	Disbursements	Cash and Investments 12-31-15
Township	\$ 14,054	\$ 32,268	\$ 35,944	\$ 10,378	\$ 33,470	\$ 35,105	\$ 8,743
Park And Recreation	10,748	24,152	28,159	6,741	26,847	24,636	8,952
Township Assistance	21,979	11,111	13,510	19,580	9,895	6,566	22,909
Fire Fighting	34,364	95,342	106,611	23,095	102,080	99,805	25,370
Rainy Day	147	-	-	147	-	-	147
Gift	-	-	-	-	6,420	3,784	2,636
Cumulative Fire	49,886	22,756	20,000	52,642	18,512	58,144	13,010
Fire Debt	39,955	-	38,108	1,847	-	-	1,847
Totals	<u>\$ 171,133</u>	<u>\$ 185,629</u>	<u>\$ 242,332</u>	<u>\$ 114,430</u>	<u>\$ 197,224</u>	<u>\$ 228,040</u>	<u>\$ 83,614</u>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

NOBLE TOWNSHIP, NOBLE COUNTY
 STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND CASH
 AND INVESTMENT BALANCES - REGULATORY BASIS
 For the Years Ended December 31, 2016 and 2017

Fund	Cash and Investments 01-01-16	Receipts	Disbursements	Cash and Investments 12-31-16	Receipts	Disbursements	Cash and Investments 12-31-17
Township	\$ 8,743	\$ 35,051	\$ 32,676	\$ 11,118	\$ 37,236	\$ 32,708	\$ 15,646
Park And Recreation	8,952	27,900	16,028	20,824	36,064	24,101	32,787
Township Assistance	22,909	10,517	7,706	25,720	10,878	9,923	26,675
Fire Fighting	25,370	92,734	93,749	24,355	106,831	98,954	32,232
Rainy Day	147	12,451	-	12,598	-	-	12,598
Gift	2,636	-	2,636	-	-	-	-
Cumulative Fire	13,010	19,120	6,480	25,650	19,538	19,583	25,605
Fire Debt	1,847	650,000	60,000	591,847	141,851	705,800	27,898
Totals	<u>\$ 83,614</u>	<u>\$ 847,773</u>	<u>\$ 219,275</u>	<u>\$ 712,112</u>	<u>\$ 352,398</u>	<u>\$ 891,069</u>	<u>\$ 173,441</u>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

NOBLE TOWNSHIP, NOBLE COUNTY
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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), culture and recreation (parks and/or community centers), and general administrative services (weed and dog control).

The accompanying financial statements present the financial information for the Township.

B. Basis of Accounting

The financial statements are reported on a regulatory basis of accounting prescribed by the Indiana 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. The basis of accounting involves the reporting of only cash and investments and the changes therein resulting from cash inflows (receipts) and cash outflows (disbursements) reported in the period in which they occurred.

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 include the following sources:

Taxes. Amounts received from one or more of the following: property tax, certified shares (local option tax), property tax replacement credit (local option tax), county option income tax, wheel tax, innkeeper's 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. Amounts received from other governments in the form of operating grants, entitlements, or payments in lieu of taxes. Examples of intergovernmental receipts include, but are not limited to, the following: federal grants, state grants, cigarette tax distributions received from the state, motor vehicle highway distributions received from the state, local road and street distributions 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. Amounts received for services including, but not limited to, the following: planning commission charges, building department charges, copies of public records, copy machines 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. Amounts received from various sources, including, but 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 include the following uses:

Personal services. Amounts disbursed 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. Amounts disbursed for 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, but are not limited to, the following: office supplies, operating supplies, and repair and maintenance supplies.

Other services and charges. Amounts disbursed for services including, but not limited to, the following: professional services, communication and transportation, printing and advertising, insurance, utility services, repairs and maintenance, and rental charges.

Debt service - principal and interest. Amounts disbursed for 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. Amounts disbursed for land, infrastructure, buildings, improvements, and machinery and equipment having an appreciable and calculable period of usefulness.

Other disbursements. Amounts disbursed for various other purposes including, but 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, make transfers 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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G. Fund Accounting

Separate funds are established, maintained, and reported by the Township. Each fund is used to account for amounts 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 amounts 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 or highway use taxes are received 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 lien date (March 1 in a year ending before January 1, 2016 and January 1 in a year beginning after December 31, 2015) 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, the following: 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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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.

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OTHER INFORMATION - UNAUDITED

The Township's Annual Financial Reports information can be found on the Indiana Gateway for Government Units website: <https://gateway.ifionline.org/>.

Differences may be noted between the financial information presented in the financial statements contained in this report and the financial information presented in the Township's Annual Financial Reports referenced above. These differences, if any, are due to adjustments made to the financial information during the course of the audit. This is a common occurrence in any financial statement audit. The financial information presented in this report is audited information, and the accuracy of such information can be determined by reading the opinion given in the Independent Auditor's Report.

The other information presented was approved by management of the Township. It is presented as intended by the Township.

NOBLE TOWNSHIP, NOBLE COUNTY
 COMBINING SCHEDULE OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND
 CASH AND INVESTMENT BALANCES - REGULATORY BASIS
 For the Year Ended December 31, 2014

	Township	Park And Recreation	Township Assistance	Fire Fighting	Rainy Day	Gift	Cumulative Fire	Fire Debt	Totals
Cash and investments - beginning	\$ 14,054	\$ 10,748	\$ 21,979	\$ 34,364	\$ 147	\$ -	\$ 49,886	\$ 39,955	\$ 171,133
Receipts:									
Taxes	22,772	20,769	10,453	49,241	-	-	16,918	-	120,153
Intergovernmental receipts	8,640	1,308	658	36,403	-	-	877	-	47,886
Charges for services	-	2,075	-	9,000	-	-	-	-	11,075
Other receipts	856	-	-	698	-	-	4,961	-	6,515
Total receipts	32,268	24,152	11,111	95,342	-	-	22,756	-	185,629
Disbursements:									
Personal services	24,161	3,342	-	15,203	-	-	-	-	42,706
Supplies	1,887	1,495	132	14,629	-	-	-	-	18,143
Other services and charges	9,731	14,178	13,378	56,854	-	-	-	-	94,141
Debt service - principal and interest	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	38,081	38,081
Capital outlay	165	3,699	-	19,898	-	-	20,000	-	43,762
Other disbursements	-	5,445	-	27	-	-	-	27	5,499
Total disbursements	35,944	28,159	13,510	106,611	-	-	20,000	38,108	242,332
Excess (deficiency) of receipts over disbursements	(3,676)	(4,007)	(2,399)	(11,269)	-	-	2,756	(38,108)	(56,703)
Cash and investments - ending	\$ 10,378	\$ 6,741	\$ 19,580	\$ 23,095	\$ 147	\$ -	\$ 52,642	\$ 1,847	\$ 114,430

NOBLE TOWNSHIP, NOBLE COUNTY
 COMBINING SCHEDULE OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND
 CASH AND INVESTMENT BALANCES - REGULATORY BASIS
 For the Year Ended December 31, 2015

	Township	Park And Recreation	Township Assistance	Fire Fighting	Rainy Day	Gift	Cumulative Fire	Fire Debt	Totals
Cash and investments - beginning	\$ 10,378	\$ 6,741	\$ 19,580	\$ 23,095	\$ 147	\$ -	\$ 52,642	\$ 1,847	\$ 114,430
Receipts:									
Taxes	25,358	24,766	9,895	53,858	-	-	18,512	-	132,389
Intergovernmental receipts	8,040	476	-	35,485	-	-	-	-	44,001
Charges for services	-	1,605	-	9,000	-	-	-	-	10,605
Other receipts	72	-	-	3,737	-	6,420	-	-	10,229
Total receipts	33,470	26,847	9,895	102,080	-	6,420	18,512	-	197,224
Disbursements:									
Personal services	23,778	3,250	-	16,420	-	-	-	-	43,448
Supplies	1,510	1,147	58	24,042	-	3,784	-	-	30,541
Other services and charges	8,822	14,029	6,508	55,053	-	-	-	-	84,412
Capital outlay	995	6,210	-	4,290	-	-	58,144	-	69,639
Total disbursements	35,105	24,636	6,566	99,805	-	3,784	58,144	-	228,040
Excess (deficiency) of receipts over disbursements	(1,635)	2,211	3,329	2,275	-	2,636	(39,632)	-	(30,816)
Cash and investments - ending	\$ 8,743	\$ 8,952	\$ 22,909	\$ 25,370	\$ 147	\$ 2,636	\$ 13,010	\$ 1,847	\$ 83,614

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 COMBINING SCHEDULE OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND
 CASH AND INVESTMENT BALANCES - REGULATORY BASIS
 For the Year Ended December 31, 2016

	Township	Park And Recreation	Township Assistance	Fire Fighting	Rainy Day	Gift	Cumulative Fire	Fire Debt	Totals
Cash and investments - beginning	\$ 8,743	\$ 8,952	\$ 22,909	\$ 25,370	\$ 147	\$ 2,636	\$ 13,010	\$ 1,847	\$ 83,614
Receipts:									
Taxes	25,590	25,127	10,328	55,496	-	-	18,961	-	135,502
Intergovernmental receipts	8,519	461	189	36,676	12,451	-	159	-	58,455
Charges for services	-	2,200	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,200
Other receipts	942	112	-	562	-	-	-	650,000	651,616
Total receipts	35,051	27,900	10,517	92,734	12,451	-	19,120	650,000	847,773
Disbursements:									
Personal services	22,250	700	-	15,973	-	-	-	-	38,923
Supplies	405	396	13	13,876	-	-	-	-	14,690
Other services and charges	8,491	14,357	7,693	45,358	-	2,636	-	-	78,535
Capital outlay	-	575	-	18,542	-	-	6,480	60,000	85,597
Other disbursements	1,530	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,530
Total disbursements	32,676	16,028	7,706	93,749	-	2,636	6,480	60,000	219,275
Excess (deficiency) of receipts over disbursements	2,375	11,872	2,811	(1,015)	12,451	(2,636)	12,640	590,000	628,498
Cash and investments - ending	\$ 11,118	\$ 20,824	\$ 25,720	\$ 24,355	\$ 12,598	\$ -	\$ 25,650	\$ 591,847	\$ 712,112

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 COMBINING SCHEDULE OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND
 CASH AND INVESTMENT BALANCES - REGULATORY BASIS
 For the Year Ended December 31, 2017

	Township	Park And Recreation	Township Assistance	Fire Fighting	Rainy Day	Gift	Cumulative Fire	Fire Debt	Totals
Cash and investments - beginning	\$ 11,118	\$ 20,824	\$ 25,720	\$ 24,355	\$ 12,598	\$ -	\$ 25,650	\$ 591,847	\$ 712,112
Receipts:									
Taxes	34,046	23,741	9,725	91,847	-	-	17,591	127,714	304,664
Intergovernmental receipts	2,866	2,815	1,153	5,951	-	-	1,947	14,137	28,869
Charges for services	-	2,425	-	9,000	-	-	-	-	11,425
Other receipts	324	7,083	-	33	-	-	-	-	7,440
Total receipts	37,236	36,064	10,878	106,831	-	-	19,538	141,851	352,398
Disbursements:									
Personal services	23,800	3,772	-	20,958	-	-	-	-	48,530
Supplies	838	225	-	14,912	-	-	-	-	15,975
Other services and charges	8,070	18,673	9,923	50,852	-	-	-	-	87,518
Debt service - principal and interest	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	116,248	116,248
Capital outlay	-	1,431	-	12,232	-	-	19,583	589,552	622,798
Total disbursements	32,708	24,101	9,923	98,954	-	-	19,583	705,800	891,069
Excess (deficiency) of receipts over disbursements	4,528	11,963	955	7,877	-	-	(45)	(563,949)	(538,671)
Cash and investments - ending	\$ 15,646	\$ 32,787	\$ 26,675	\$ 32,232	\$ 12,598	\$ -	\$ 25,605	\$ 27,898	\$ 173,441

NOBLE TOWNSHIP, NOBLE COUNTY
SCHEDULE OF LEASES AND DEBT
December 31, 2017

Description of Debt		Ending Principal Balance	Principal and Interest Due Within One Year
Type	Purpose		
Governmental activities: Notes and loans payable	Purchase of New Fire Pumper Truck	<u>\$ 546,263</u>	<u>\$ 116,248</u>

NOBLE TOWNSHIP, NOBLE COUNTY
 SCHEDULE OF CAPITAL ASSETS
 December 31, 2017

Capital assets are reported at actual or estimated historical cost based on appraisals or deflated current replacement cost. Contributed or donated assets are reported at estimated fair value at the time received.

	<u>Ending Balance</u>
Governmental activities:	
Land	\$ 65,000
Infrastructure	40,000
Buildings	1,200,000
Improvements other than buildings	75,000
Machinery, equipment, and vehicles	1,057,000
Books and other	<u>2,500</u>
Total capital assets	<u>\$ 2,439,500</u>

OTHER REPORTS

In addition to this report, other reports may have been issued for the Township. All reports can be found on the Indiana State Board of Accounts' website: <http://www.in.gov/sboa/>.