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Grand Traverse Fire Department

Administration Division

Audit Report

For the Period from January 1, 2007 through January 31, 2008

Auditing Procedures Report

Issued under P.A. 2 of 1968, as amended and P.A. 71 of 1919, as amended.

Local Unit of Government Type <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> City <input type="checkbox"/> Twp <input type="checkbox"/> Village <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other		Local Unit Name Grand Traverse Fire Department-Administration	County Grand Traverse
Fiscal Year End 12/31/07	Opinion Date 2/25/08	Date Audit Report Submitted to State 3/3/08	

We affirm that:

We are certified public accountants licensed to practice in Michigan.

We further affirm the following material, "no" responses have been disclosed in the financial statements, including the notes, or in the Management Letter (report of comments and recommendations).

YES NO Check each applicable box below. (See instructions for further detail.)

1. All required component units/funds/agencies of the local unit are included in the financial statements and/or disclosed in the reporting entity notes to the financial statements as necessary.
2. There are no accumulated deficits in one or more of this unit's unreserved fund balances/unrestricted net assets (P.A. 275 of 1980) or the local unit has not exceeded its budget for expenditures.
3. The local unit is in compliance with the Uniform Chart of Accounts issued by the Department of Treasury.
4. The local unit has adopted a budget for all required funds.
5. A public hearing on the budget was held in accordance with State statute.
6. The local unit has not violated the Municipal Finance Act, an order issued under the Emergency Municipal Loan Act, or other guidance as issued by the Local Audit and Finance Division.
7. The local unit has not been delinquent in distributing tax revenues that were collected for another taxing unit.
8. The local unit only holds deposits/investments that comply with statutory requirements.
9. The local unit has no illegal or unauthorized expenditures that came to our attention as defined in the *Bulletin for Audits of Local Units of Government in Michigan*, as revised (see Appendix H of Bulletin).
10. There are no indications of defalcation, fraud or embezzlement, which came to our attention during the course of our audit that have not been previously communicated to the Local Audit and Finance Division (LAFD). If there is such activity that has not been communicated, please submit a separate report under separate cover.
11. The local unit is free of repeated comments from previous years.
12. The audit opinion is UNQUALIFIED.
13. The local unit has complied with GASB 34 or GASB 34 as modified by MCGAA Statement #7 and other generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP).
14. The board or council approves all invoices prior to payment as required by charter or statute.
15. To our knowledge, bank reconciliations that were reviewed were performed timely.

If a local unit of government (authorities and commissions included) is operating within the boundaries of the audited entity and is not included in this or any other audit report, nor do they obtain a stand-alone audit, please enclose the name(s), address(es), and a description(s) of the authority and/or commission.

I, the undersigned, certify that this statement is complete and accurate in all respects.

We have enclosed the following:	Enclosed	Not Required (enter a brief justification)		
Financial Statements	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
The letter of Comments and Recommendations	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Other (Describe)	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Certified Public Accountant (Firm) ROBIN & CO., P.C. 400 E. EIGHTH ST. TRAVERSE CITY, MI 49686-2668		Telephone Number		
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INTRODUCTORY SECTION

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Comments and Recommendations

In connection with our audit of the financial statements of the Grand Traverse Fire Department – Administration Division, For the Period from January 1, 2007 through January 31, 2008, we submit the following comments and recommendations. **This section is intended to take the place of a separate management letter.**

General

The records were well maintained by the Fire Department's accountant. Bank accounts were reconciled monthly, journals and ledgers were properly posted, monthly reports were submitted to the Board and supporting documents and follow-up procedures were good. Your accountant's efforts in this area are commendable.

Budgets and Procedures

Budgets were adopted and amended for the General Fund as required. The public budget hearing was held prior to formal approval of the budget as prescribed by law.

Capital Assets

The Administration Division Fire Department owns some office equipment and a vehicle. In general, the Townships serviced by the Fire Department own and maintain their own fire stations. Most vehicles and equipment are purchased, owned and maintained by the Metro and Rural Divisions, which maintain records of their capital assets, while participating units maintain records of assets to which they have title.

Insurance and Bonds

The Department has a determination letter indicating that its Board members are covered under the General Liability coverage of the respective entities they represent. The insurer for the Grand Traverse Metro Fire Department includes other coverages for the Administration Division in Metro's policies.

Legal Expenditures

During the audit period the Fire Department spent approximately \$1,000 on office coffee and other special occasion food items. After consultation with another audit firm, the board determined that it would continue providing coffee for office staff and the general public and special occasion food items but discontinued all other office refreshments.

The Bulletin for Audits of Local Units of Government of the Michigan Department of Treasury states that "Coffee and donuts for employees use during normal working hours is considered personal, not for a public purpose, and improper unless specifically provided for in a collective bargaining agreement or duly adopted employment policy of the governmental unit (fringe benefit)." Another section of the Bulletin describes "office refreshments" as "prohibited expenditures by a local unit of government".

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Comments and Recommendations

Receipting

Official pre-numbered receipts are issued when income is received. Bank deposit slips, copies of payor checks and remittance advices are kept for support, and the system appears good.

Board Minutes

Board minutes were maintained in good order.

General Fund

For the audit period, \$277,796 of revenues exceeded expenditures of \$268,687, and the fund balance was \$75,531 at January 31, 2008.

Other Data

After the completion of our audit, we will mail two (2) copies of this report to the State Department of Treasury.

We appreciate the courtesy extended our field auditor in the course of this examination. Your confidence is respected, and please contact us if any questions arise.

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FINANCIAL SECTION

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITOR

Grand Traverse Fire Department
Administration Division
Traverse City, MI 49684

We have audited the accompanying basic financial statements of Grand Traverse Fire Department – Administration Division as of and for the period from January 1, 2007 through January 31, 2008, as listed in the Table of Contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Department's management. 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 of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Grand Traverse Fire Department – Administration Division at January 31, 2008, and the results of its operations for the period from January 1, 2007 through January 31, 2008 in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The budgetary comparison schedule, as identified in the table of contents, is not a required part of the basic financial statements but is supplemental information required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. The supplemental information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied to the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

The accompanying financial statements do not present a Management's Discussion and Analysis, which would be an analysis of the financial performance for the period. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board has determined that this analysis is necessary to supplement, although not required to be a part of, the basic financial statements.



Tobin & Co., P.C.
February 25, 2008

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Statement of Net Assets and Governmental Fund Balance Sheet

January 31, 2008

<u>Assets</u>	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Adjustments (Note 3)</u>	<u>Statement of Net Assets</u>
Cash in Bank	\$ 75,531	\$ -	\$ 75,531
Capital Assets, net of accumulated depreciation	<u>-</u>	<u>7,137</u>	<u>7,137</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 75,531</u>	<u>\$ 7,137</u>	<u>\$ 82,668</u>
<u>Liabilities</u>			
Accounts Payable	\$ 749	\$ -	\$ 749
Compensated Absences	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>749</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>749</u>
<u>Fund Balances/Net Assets</u>			
Fund Balance Unrestricted	<u>74,782</u>	<u>(74,782)</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Fund Balances	<u>74,782</u>	<u>(74,782)</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	<u>\$ 75,531</u>		
<u>Net Assets</u>			
Invested in Capital Assets Unrestricted		<u>7,137</u>	<u>7,137</u>
		<u>74,782</u>	<u>74,782</u>
		<u>\$ 81,919</u>	<u>\$ 81,919</u>

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

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Statement of Activities and Governmental Fund Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance

For the Period from January 1, 2007 through January 31, 2008

<u>Expenditures/expenses:</u>	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Adjustments (Note 4)</u>	<u>Statement of Activities</u>
Personnel	\$ 198,397	\$ (5,301)	\$ 193,096
Commodities	26,748	-	26,748
Contractual Services	29,990	-	29,990
Other Charges	14,292	-	14,292
Capital Outlay	-	7,413	7,413
Total Expenditures/expenses	<u>269,427</u>	<u>2,112</u>	<u>271,539</u>
<u>General Revenues:</u>			
Contributions from Local Units	271,470	-	271,470
Interest	5,053	-	5,053
Other	<u>1,273</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,273</u>
Total General Revenues	<u>277,796</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>277,796</u>
Excess Revenues (Expenditures)	8,369		
Change in Net Assets		(2,112)	6,257
<u>Fund Balance/Net Assets:</u>			
Beginning of the Period	<u>66,413</u>	<u>9,249</u>	<u>75,662</u>
End of the Period	<u>\$ 74,782</u>	<u>\$ 7,137</u>	<u>\$ 81,919</u>

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

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Notes to Financial Statements

January 31, 2008

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Reporting Entity

The Administration Division's basic financial statements include the accounts of all its Division operations. The criteria for including organizations within the Division's reporting entity, as set forth in GASB No. 14, "*The Financial Reporting Entity*", is financial accountability. Financial Accountability is defined as appointment of a voting majority of the component unit's board and either the ability to impose will by the primary government or the possibility that the component unit will provide a financial benefit to or impose a financial burden on the primary government.

Based on the above criteria, there are no other organizations included in these financial statements.

B. Basis of Presentation

The government-wide financial statements (the statement of net assets and the statement of activities) report information on all of the activities of the Department. The effect of interfund activity, within the governmental activities column, has been removed from these statements.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given program are offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific program. Program revenues include 1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given program and 2) operating or capital grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Taxes and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as general revenues.

Fund Financial Statements:

Governmental funds are those funds through which most governmental functions typically are financed. The measurement focus of governmental funds is on the sources, uses and balance of current financial resources. The Department has presented the following governmental funds:

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NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

B. Basis of Presentation (Continued)

General Fund – This fund is used to account for all financial transactions not accounted for in another fund, including the general operating expenditures of the Department. Revenues are derived primarily from local distributions or grants.

C. Measurement Focus/Basis of Accounting

Measurement focus refers to what is being measured; basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenditures are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. Basis of accounting relates to the timing of the measurement made, regardless of the measurement focus applied.

The government-wide statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. The economic resources measurement focus means all assets and liabilities (whether current or non-current) are included on the statement of net assets and the operating statements present increases (revenues) and decreases (expenses) in net total assets. Under the accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when earned. Expenses are recognized at the time the liability is incurred.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and are accounted for using the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when susceptible to accrual; i.e., when they become both measurable and available. “Measurable” means the amount of the transaction can be determined and “available” means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period. A one-period availability period is used for recognition of all governmental fund revenues. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred. However, debt service expenditures, as well as expenditures related to compensated absences are recorded only when payment is due.

The revenue susceptible to accrual are charges for service, interest income and intergovernmental revenues. All other governmental fund revenues are recognized when received.

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NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

E. Budgets

The General Fund is under formal budgetary control. Budgets shown in the financial statements for this fund was prepared on a basis not significantly different from the modified accrual basis used to reflect actual results and consist only of those amounts contained in the formal budgets approved and amended by the Board.

In the body of the financial statements, the actual and budgeted expenditures for the budgetary fund has been shown on a function basis. The approved budget for this fund was adopted on a function basis.

For budgetary purposes appropriations lapse at fiscal period end.

E. Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include property, plant, and equipment, are reported in the applicable governmental column in the government-wide financial statements. All capital assets are valued at historical cost or estimated historical cost if actual historical is not available. Donated assets are valued at their fair market value on the date donated. Repairs and maintenance are recorded as expenses. Renewals and betterments are capitalized. Interest is capitalized during the construction period on property, plant and equipment.

Assets capitalized have an original cost of \$5,000 or more and over one year of useful life. Depreciation has been calculated on each class of depreciable property using the straight-line method. Estimated useful lives are as follows:

Vehicles	5 years
Equipment	5 years

Depreciation expense on vehicles and equipment was charged to the capital outlay cost center in the statement of activities.

F. Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

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NOTE 2 - STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY

- A. We noted no violations of legal provisions and/or contractual provision of various agreements related to financial matters.
- B. All funds had positive fund balances at January 31, 2008.
- C. Public Act 621 of 1978, Section 18, provides that a local unit shall not incur expenditures in excess of the amount appropriated. During the period from January 1, 2007 through January 31, 2008, no function exceeded its budget by without formal amendment by the Board.

NOTE 3 –EXPLANATION OF CERTAIN ADJUSTMENTS BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCE SHEET AND THE STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS

Net capital assets of \$7,137 used in governmental activities are not current financial resources and therefore are not reported in the fund.

NOTE 4 –EXPLANATION OF CERTAIN ADJUSTMENTS BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTAL FUND STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES AND THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities the cost of those assets is allocated over the estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. Depreciation exceeded capital outlay for Department equipment by \$7,413 for the period.

Compensated absence expenditures in the statement of activities required the use of \$5,301 less economic resources than those reported in the general fund.

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NOTE 5 - DEPOSITS WITH FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

A. Legal Provisions for Deposits and Investments

Act 20, Public Acts of 1943, as amended by Act 217, Public Acts of 1982, and Act 196, Public Acts of 1998, states that the Board, by resolution, may authorize the Treasurer to invest surplus funds as follows:

1. In bonds, securities, and other direct obligations of the United States or an agency or instrumentality of the United States.
2. In certificates of deposit, savings accounts, deposit accounts, or depository receipts of a financial institution, but only if the financial institution complies with subsection (2).
3. In commercial paper rated at the time of purchase within the two highest classifications established by not less than two standard rating services and which matures not more than 270 days after date of purchase.
4. In repurchase agreements consisting of instruments defined in (1) above.
5. In bankers' acceptances of United States Banks.
6. In obligations of this state or any of its political subdivisions that at the time of purchase are rated as investment grade by not less than one standard rating service.
7. In mutual funds registered under the investment company Act of 1940 with the authority to purchase only investment vehicles that are legal for direct investment by local units of government in Michigan.

B. Types of Deposits and Investments

The Administration Division had \$75,531 deposited with a local bank at January 31, 2008 with a carrying value of \$75,531. Interpreting the FDIC insurance coverage of \$100,000 per demand deposit account and \$100,000 per time deposit account in each depository, the Administration Division had no uninsured deposits at January 31, 2008.

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Notes to Financial Statements

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NOTE 6 - CAPITAL ASSETS

	<u>12/31/06</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	<u>1/31/08</u>
Governmental Activities:				
Vehicles	\$ 15,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15,500
Equipment	<u>49,402</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>49,402</u>
	64,902	-	-	64,902
Less Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(50,352)</u>	<u>(7,413)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(57,765)</u>
Governmental Activities Capital Assets, Net	<u>\$ 14,550</u>	<u>\$ (7,413)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 7,137</u>

NOTE 7 - LONG-TERM LIABILITIES AND COMPENSATED ABSENCES

Full-time leased employees earn vacation leave, which may either be taken or accumulated, with a maximum carryover to a succeeding period of 5 days (more if approved by the lessor), until paid upon termination or retirement. Leased employees earn personal leave that may either be taken or accumulated and carried over to a maximum of 24 days. Unused accumulated personal leave shall be paid to the leased employee upon termination or retirement.

NOTE 8 - POST RETIREMENT BENEFITS

Full-time leased employees who retire are provided health care insurance for the retiree and their spouse. This coverage is provided for retirees at a minimum age of 60. In addition, Medicare "filler" coverage is provided for all retirees and their spouses who are covered under the Medicare benefits program. The cost of these benefits will be forwarded to the Administrative Division by the lessor on a pay-as-you-go basis. Because of variations in retiree conditions and benefits usage, the present value of future benefits is not determined, but may be material.

NOTE 9 - INVENTORIES

The Administration Division does not maintain a substantial inventory of supplies or materials. Purchases are normally made as needed, and the items are recorded as expenses at time of purchase.

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NOTE 10-RISK MANAGEMENT

The Department has a determination letter indicating that its Board members are covered under the General Liability coverage of the respective entities they represent. The insurer for the Grand Traverse Metro Fire Department includes other coverages for the Administration Division in Metro's policy.

NOTE 11-CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

Fire Administration Division officials are not aware of any contingent liabilities at January 31, 2008.

NOTE 12-SUBSEQUENT EVENT

In February 2008, the Department was dissolved and the assets distributed to Grand Traverse County, Grand Traverse Metro Fire Department and Grand Traverse Fire Department – Rural Division, the three founding organizations.

NOTE 13-OPERATING LEASE

The Department rented office space at \$600 per month from the Grand Traverse Metro Fire Department on a month-to-month basis. Total rent expense for the period from January 1, 2007 through January 31, 2008 was \$7,200.

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Grand Traverse Fire Department – Administration Division

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Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance

General Fund

For the Period from January 1, 2007 through January 31, 2008

<u>Revenues</u>	<u>Budgetary Amounts</u>		<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance</u>
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>		<u>Favorable (Unfavorable)</u>
Contributions from Local Units:				
Grand Traverse County	\$ 85,866	\$ 85,866	\$ 85,866	\$ -
Grand Traverse Metro Fire Department	98,370	98,370	98,370	-
Grand Traverse Fire Dept. – Rural Division	87,234	87,234	87,234	-
Interest and Rent:				
Interest	-	4,200	5,053	853
Other:				
Refunds and Donations	-	3,000	1,273	(1,727)
Total	271,470	278,670	277,796	(874)
 <u>Expenditures</u>				
Personnel	200,970	204,495	198,397	6,098
Commodities	38,300	41,300	26,748	14,552
Contractual Services	33,700	34,350	29,990	4,360
Other Charges	21,100	22,100	14,292	7,808
Capital Outlay	5,000	5,000	-	5,000
Contingency	2,400	1,425	-	1,425
Total	301,470	308,670	269,427	39,243
Excess Revenues (Expenditures) (1)	\$ (30,000)	\$ (30,000)	8,369	\$ 38,369
Fund Balance – Beginning of Period			66,413	
Fund Balance – End of Period			\$ 74,782	

(1) Budgeted from Fund Balance.

The Notes to the Financial Statements are an integral part of this statement.