

TOWNSHIP ANNUAL REPORT INSTRUCTIONS

SDCL 8-10-30. Treasurer's annual financial statement--Contents--Filing. The township treasurer, within five days before the annual township meeting, shall prepare a report of the cash balance at the start of the fiscal year, receipts and disbursements for the fiscal year, and the cash balance and long-term debt as of the end of the fiscal year. The report shall be in the form prescribed by the auditor general. A copy of the report shall be filed with the township clerk and with the county auditor by the last day of March. Upon receiving a copy of the township annual report from the township treasurer, the county auditor shall forward a copy to the Department of Legislative Audit by the last day of April.

SDCL 8-6-7. Filing annual fiscal report. The township clerk shall file the annual fiscal report of the township with the county auditor pursuant to § 6-9-1 by the last day of March of the year immediately following the close of the township's fiscal year.

LINE 1 – Prepare a separate statement for the financial transactions of each levy that your township may have. On each statement that may be prepared, circle the words General Fund, Fire Fund, Snow Fund, Secondary Road Capital Improvement Fund, etc. to correspond with the data reported. Most townships will report just one statement having the General Fund circled, however if additional levies are collected then additional statements are required. If you are using the Excel Records, select the page tab that represents the fund that you want to complete.

Line 2 – Add together the total cash of all types of accounts such as, checking, passbook, CD's and other investments as of the start of the fiscal year (March first). This cash balance should tie back to the ending cash balance of the previous year's annual report.

Line 3 – This represents the 14% motor vehicle license plate receipts collected by the county and remitted to townships and 23% of license fees on noncommercial motor vehicle which is not an automobile, pickup truck, or van as determined by the gross weight of the motor vehicle.

Line 4 – This represents the remaining motor vehicle license plate receipts transmitted quarterly from the state's Local Government Highway and Bridge Fund to counties who further remit a portion of it to townships.

Line 5 – Receipts transmitted from the state through the county to townships on a quarterly basis representing motor vehicle fees paid by semi-trucks and similarly taxed vehicles.

Line 6 – Collected by certain counties, the wheel tax is shared with townships at the discretion of the county commission.

Line 7 – Include all current and delinquent property taxes and related interest and penalties. This should include any opt out taxes collected.

Line 8 – The bank franchise tax is remitted from counties to townships annually around March of each year.

Line 10 – The state highway fund (former 10% game) is an appropriated amount each year from the state highway fund based on amounts distributed by the Department of GF&P for license fees in calendar year 1997. These funds are remitted from counties to townships.

Line 13 – The motor fuel tax is the distribution each July from the State Motor Fuel Tax Fund. These funds are remitted from counties to townships.

Line 14 – The renewable facility tax is remitted from counties to townships. This is an annual tax on capacity and gross receipts tax on certain wind farms and solar facilities.

Line 15 – Report on this line the total of all receipts not separately reported on the previous receipt lines. This would include Rural Access Infrastructure revenue.

Line 25 – Report on this line the total of all disbursements not separately reported on the previous disbursement lines.

Lines 27 through 31 – List the end of year balance in each type of bank account of the township (last day of February).

Line 32 – This line will prove if your financial statement balances. The cash at the end of the year (total of all accounts) should equal the cash at the beginning of the year, plus total receipts, less total disbursements.

Line 33 – Report the total debt outstanding balance at the end of the year that may exist in the form of equipment lease purchases, loans at the bank or in other forms.