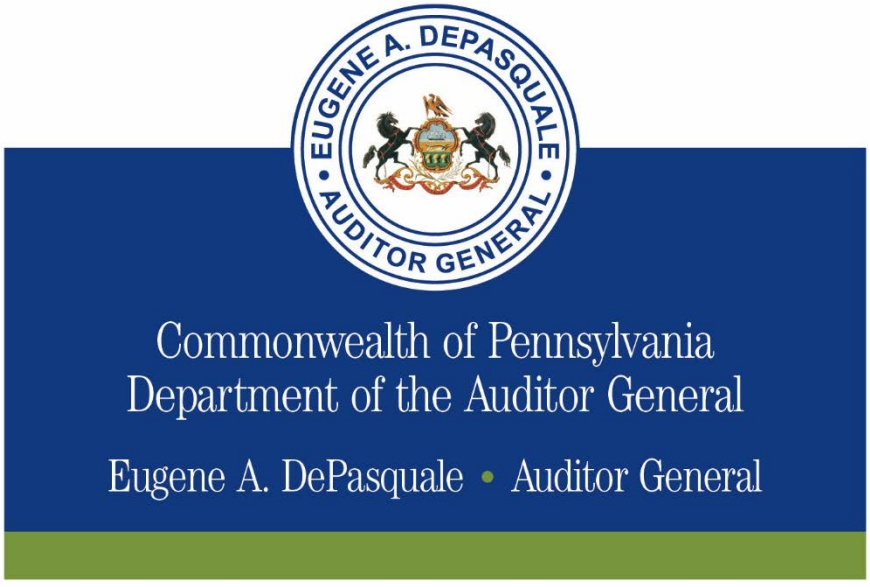
LIMITED PROCEDURES ENGAGEMENT

Blossburg Borough Non-Uniformed Pension Plan

Tioga County, Pennsylvania

For the Period
January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2016

June 2017



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We conducted a Limited Procedures Engagement (LPE) of the Blossburg Borough Non-Uniformed Pension Plan for the period January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2016 to determine its compliance with applicable state laws, regulations, contracts, administrative procedures, and local ordinances and policies. We also evaluated compliance with some requirements subsequent to that period when possible. The LPE was conducted pursuant to authority derived from Section 402(j) of the Municipal Pension Plan Funding Standard and Recovery Act (P.L. 1005, No. 205, as amended, 53 P.S. § 895.101 et seq.) but was not conducted in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. The act established mandatory actuarial reporting and funding requirements and a uniform basis for the distribution of state aid to Pennsylvania's public pension plans. We believe that the evidence obtained provides a reasonable basis to support our LPE results.

Our LPE was limited to determining the following:

- Whether state aid was properly determined and deposited in accordance with Act 205 requirements by verifying the annual deposit date of state aid and determining whether deposits were made within 30 days of receipt for all years within the engagement period.

- Whether annual employer contributions were calculated and deposited in accordance with the plan's governing document and applicable laws and regulations by examining the municipality's calculation of the plan's annual financial requirements and minimum municipal obligation (MMO) and comparing these calculated amounts to amounts actually budgeted and deposited into the pension plan as evidenced by supporting documentation.

- Whether retirement benefits calculated for plan members who retired during the engagement period represent payments to all (and only) those entitled to receive them and were properly determined and disbursed in accordance with the plan's governing document, applicable laws and regulations by recalculating the amount of the monthly pension benefit due to retired individuals and comparing these amounts to supporting documentation evidencing amounts determined and actually paid to recipients.

- Whether the January 1, 2011, January 1, 2013, and January 1, 2015 actuarial valuation reports were prepared and submitted to the former Public Employee Retirement Commission (PERC) by March 31, 2012, 2014, and 2016, respectively, in accordance with Act 205 and whether selected information provided on these reports is accurate, complete, and in accordance with plan provisions to ensure compliance for participation in the state aid program by comparing selected information to supporting source documentation.

Based on the results of our procedures performed during our LPE, nothing came to our attention indicating that the Blossburg Borough Non-Uniformed Pension Plan was not being administered in compliance with applicable state laws, regulations, contracts, administrative procedures, and local ordinances and policies.

Our determination to perform a LPE for this engagement period does not preclude the Department from conducting an audit in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* of the pension plan in subsequent periods. The borough should continue to maintain documentation related to this pension plan.

The accompanying supplementary information is presented for purposes of additional analysis. We did not audit the information or conclude on it and, accordingly, express no form of assurance on it.

The contents of this report were discussed with officials of Blossburg Borough and, where appropriate, their responses have been included in this report. We would like to thank borough officials for the cooperation extended to us during the conduct of this LPE.

June 6, 2017

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The supplementary information contained on Pages 1 and 2 reflects the implementation of GASB Statement No. 67, *Financial Reporting for Pension Plans*. The objective of this statement is to improve financial reporting by state and local governmental pension plans.

SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN THE NET PENSION
LIABILITY AND RELATED RATIOS
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014, 2015 AND 2016

	2014	2015	2016
Total Pension Liability			
Service cost	$ 19,762	$ 21,846	$ 22,938
Interest	78,675	81,508	87,630
Difference between expected and actual experience	-	(64,462)	-
Changes of assumptions	-	24,533	-
Benefit payments, including refunds of member contributions	(22,818)	(22,818)	(22,818)
Net Change in Total Pension Liability	75,619	40,607	87,750
Total Pension Liability - Beginning	1,040,647	1,116,266	1,156,873
Total Pension Liability - Ending (a)	$ 1,116,266	$ 1,156,873	$ 1,244,623
Plan Fiduciary Net Position			
Contributions – Employer	$ 392	$ -	$ 3,187
Contributions – State Aid	34,580	36,342	32,532
Net investment income	53,532	(6,269)	43,508
Benefit payments, including refunds of member contributions	(22,818)	(22,818)	(22,818)
Administrative expense	(7,530)	(11,539)	(8,528)
Net Change in Plan Fiduciary Net Position	58,156	(4,284)	47,881
Plan Fiduciary Net Position - Beginning	881,365	939,521	935,237
Plan Fiduciary Net Position - Ending (b)	$ 939,521	$ 935,237	$ 983,118
Net Pension Liability - Ending (a-b)	$ 176,745	$ 221,636	$ 261,505
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability	84.2%	80.8%	79.0%
Estimated Covered Employee Payroll	$ 356,162	$ 364,320	$ 404,098
Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of Covered Employee Payroll	49.6%	60.8%	64.7%

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Sensitivity of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate

The following presents the net pension liability of the borough as of December 31, 2014, calculated using the discount rate of 7.5%, as well as what the borough's net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1 percentage-point lower or 1 percentage-point higher than the current rate:

	1% Decrease (6.5%)	Current Discount Rate (7.5%)	1% Increase (8.5%)
Net Pension Liability – 12/31/14	$ 296,747	$ 176,745	$ 73,979
Net Pension Liability – 12/31/15	$ 349,581	$ 221,636	$ 112,411
Net Pension Liability – 12/31/16	$ 392,889	$ 261,505	$ 149,308

SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENT RETURNS

Annual Money-Weighted Rate of Return, Net of Investment Expense:

2016	4.65%
2015	-0.68%
2014	5.41%

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SCHEDULE OF FUNDING PROGRESS

Historical trend information about the plan is presented herewith as supplementary information. It is intended to help users assess the plan's funding status on a going-concern basis, assess progress made in accumulating assets to pay benefits when due, and make comparisons with other state and local government retirement systems.

The actuarial information is required by Act 205 biennially. The historical information, beginning as of January 1, 2011, is as follows:

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Actuarial Valuation Date	Actuarial Value of Assets (a)	Actuarial Accrued Liability (AAL) - Entry Age (b)	Unfunded (Assets in Excess of) Actuarial Accrued Liability (b) - (a)	Funded Ratio (a)/(b)
01-01-11	$ 812,400	$ 858,280	$ 45,880	94.7%
01-01-13	909,038	971,245	62,207	93.6%
01-01-15	1,045,596	1,076,337	30,741	97.1%

Note: The market values of the plan's assets at 01-01-11, 01-01-13, and 01-01-15 have been adjusted to reflect the smoothing of gains and/or losses at 120 percent of the market value of assets. This method will lower contributions in years of less than expected returns and increase contributions in years of greater than expected returns. The net effect over long periods of time is to have less variance in contribution levels from year to year.

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The comparability of trend information is affected by changes in actuarial assumptions, benefit provisions, actuarial funding methods, accounting policies, and other changes. Those changes usually affect trends in contribution requirements and in ratios that use the actuarial accrued liability as a factor.

Analysis of the dollar amount of the actuarial value of assets, actuarial accrued liability, and unfunded (assets in excess of) actuarial accrued liability in isolation can be misleading. Expressing the actuarial value of assets as a percentage of the actuarial accrued liability (Column 4) provides one indication of the plan's funding status on a going-concern basis. Analysis of this percentage, over time, indicates whether the system is becoming financially stronger or weaker. Generally, the greater this percentage, the stronger the plan.

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SCHEDULE OF CONTRIBUTIONS FROM EMPLOYER
AND OTHER CONTRIBUTING ENTITIES

Year Ended December 31	Annual Required Contribution	Percentage Contributed
2011	$ 30,413	100.0%
2012	31,524	100.0%
2013	33,453	125.4%
2014	34,972	100.0%
2015	35,452	102.5%
2016	35,719	100.0%

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The information presented in the supplementary schedules was determined as part of the actuarial valuation at the date indicated. Additional information as of the latest actuarial valuation date follows:

Actuarial valuation date	January 1, 2015
Actuarial cost method	Entry age normal
Amortization method	Level dollar
Remaining amortization period	21 years
Asset valuation method	Plan assets are valued using the method described in Section 210 of Act 205, as amended, subject to a ceiling of 120% of the market value of assets.
Actuarial assumptions:	
Investment rate of return	7.5%
Projected salary increases	5.0%

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