

# LIMITED PROCEDURES ENGAGEMENT

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## North Beaver Township Non-Uniformed Employees' Pension Plan

Lawrence County, Pennsylvania

For the Period

January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2016

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We conducted a Limited Procedures Engagement (LPE) of the North Beaver Township Non-Uniformed Employees' 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 municipal officials took appropriate corrective action to address the findings contained in our prior audit report, by inquiring of plan officials and evaluating supporting documentation provided by officials evidencing that the suggested corrective action has been appropriately taken.
- 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. State aid allocations that were deposited into the pension plan for the years ended December 31, 2011 to December 31, 2016, are presented on the Summary of Deposited State Aid and Employer Contributions.

- 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. Employer contributions that were deposited into the pension plan for the years ended December 31, 2011 to December 31, 2016, are presented on the Summary of Deposited State Aid and Employer Contributions.
- Whether annual employee contributions were required during the engagement period and, if so, were calculated, deducted, and deposited into the pension plan in accordance with the plan's governing document and applicable laws and regulations by testing members' contributions on an annual basis using the rates obtained from the plan's governing document in effect for all years within the engagement period and examining documents evidencing the deposit of these employee contributions into the pension plan.
- 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 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, 2013 and January 1, 2015 actuarial valuation reports were prepared and submitted to the former Public Employee Retirement Commission (PERC) by March 31, 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.
- Whether the terms of the plan's allocated insurance contract, including ownership and any restrictions, were in compliance with plan provisions, investment policies, and state regulations by comparing the terms of the contracts with the plan's provisions, investment policies, and state regulations.

Based on the results of our procedures performed during our LPE, nothing came to our attention indicating that the North Beaver Township Non-Uniformed Employees' 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 township should continue to maintain documentation related to this pension plan.

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

March 14, 2017

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eugene A. DePasquale", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

EUGENE A. DEPASQUALE  
Auditor General

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STATUS OF PRIOR FINDINGS

Compliance With Prior Audit Recommendations

North Beaver Township has complied with the prior audit recommendations concerning the following:

- Incorrect Data On Certification Form AG 385 Resulting In An Overpayment Of State Aid

On March 10, 2014, the township returned \$1,873 to the Commonwealth for the overpayment of state aid received in 2010 and 2011, plus interest.

- Receipt Of State Aid In Excess Of Entitlement

On March 10, 2014, the township returned \$2,290 to the Commonwealth for the excess state aid received in 2010, plus interest.

NORTH BEAVER TOWNSHIP NON-UNIFORMED EMPLOYEES' PENSION PLAN  
SUMMARY OF DEPOSITED STATE AID AND EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS

Year Ended December 31	State Aid	Employer Contributions
2011	\$ 9,301	\$ 4,780
2012	11,256	2,039
2013	10,645	1,761
2014	11,618	309
2015	11,763	1,154
2016	13,124	448

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