

# LIMITED PROCEDURES ENGAGEMENT

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## Washington Township Non-Uniformed Pension Plan Berks County, Pennsylvania For the Period January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2015

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We conducted a Limited Procedures Engagement (LPE) of the Washington Township Non-Uniformed Pension Plan for the period January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2015 to determine its compliance with certain relevant state laws, regulations, policies, and 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 finding 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.
- × 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.

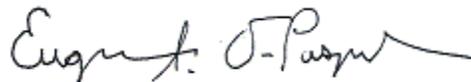
- × Whether retirement benefits calculated for plan members who retired during the engagement period represent payments to all (and only) those entitled to receive them and were properly determined and disbursed in accordance with the plan's governing document, applicable laws and regulations by recalculating 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 report was prepared and submitted to the Public Employee Retirement Commission (PERC) by March 31, 2012, March 31, 2014 and March 31, 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 Washington Township 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 township 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 letter were discussed with officials of Washington Township and, where appropriate, their responses have been included in this letter. We would like to thank township officials for the cooperation extended to us during the conduct of this LPE.



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May 26, 2016

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WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP NON-UNIFORMED PENSION PLAN  
STATUS OF PRIOR FINDING

Compliance With Prior Audit Recommendation

Washington Township has complied with the prior audit recommendation concerning the following:

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

The township reimbursed \$6,362 to the Commonwealth for the overpayments of state aid received in 2010 and 2011.

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP NON-UNIFORMED PENSION PLAN  
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION  
(UNAUDITED)

The supplementary information contained on Pages 2 and 3 reflect 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 YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

Total Pension Liability		
Service cost	\$	37,806
Interest		68,067
Difference between expected and actual experience		
Changes of assumptions		(102,062)
Benefit payments, including refunds of member contributions		(52,063)
Net Change in Total Pension Liability		(48,252)
Total Pension Liability - Beginning		1,225,903
Total Pension Liability - Ending (a)	\$	<u>1,177,651</u>
Plan Fiduciary Net Position		
Contributions – employer	\$	37,293
Contribution – member		880
Net investment income		65,299
Benefit payments, including refunds of member contributions		(52,063)
Administrative expense		(280)
Other		(2,370)
Net Change in Plan Fiduciary Net Position		48,759
Plan Fiduciary Net Position - Beginning		1,148,445
Plan Fiduciary Net Position - Ending (b)	\$	<u>1,197,204</u>
Net Pension Liability - Ending (a-b)	\$	<u>(19,553)</u>
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability		101.7%
Estimated Covered Employee Payroll	\$	397,658
Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of Covered Employee Payroll		(4.9)%

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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 township calculated using the current discount rate of 5.5%, as well as what the township'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 4.5%	Current Discount Rate 5.5%	1% Increase 6.5%
Net Pension Liability	\$ 109,496	\$ (19,553)	\$ (103,415)

SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENT RETURNS

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

2014	5.5%
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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	\$ 989,157	\$ 1,050,986	\$ 61,829	94.1%
01-01-13	1,097,729	1,166,064	68,335	94.1%
01-01-15	1,223,796	1,177,651	(46,145)	103.9%

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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
2010	\$ 31,869	100.0%
2011	42,827	100.0%
2012	39,497	100.0%
2013	37,834	100.0%
2014	37,253	100.1%
2015	38,038	100.0%

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 SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION  
 NOTES TO SUPPLEMENTARY SCHEDULES  
 (UNAUDITED)

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	N/A
Remaining amortization period	N/A
Asset valuation method	Fair value
Actuarial assumptions:	
Investment rate of return	5.5%, net of expenses
Projected salary increases *	Age-related scale for merit/ seniority (e.g. age 30 - 6.4%; age 40 - 5.0%; age 50 - 4.1%; age 60 - 3.7%)
Cost-of-living adjustments	3.0%, where applicable

\* Includes inflation at 3.0%

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