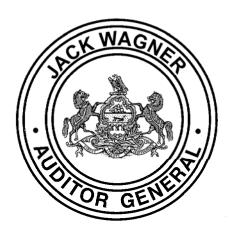
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### **ABBREVIATION**

ERISA - Employee Retirement Income Security Act

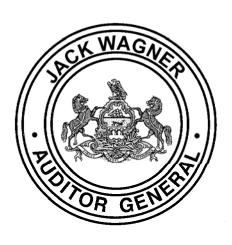
#### **BACKGROUND**

On December 18, 1984, the Pennsylvania Legislature adopted the Municipal Pension Plan Funding Standard and Recovery Act (P.L. 1005, No. 205, 53 P.S. §895.101, et seq.). 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. Section 402(j) of Act 205 specifically requires the Auditor General, as deemed necessary, to make an audit of every municipality which receives general municipal pension system State aid and of every municipal pension plan and fund in which general municipal pension system State aid is deposited.

Pension plan aid is provided from a 2 percent foreign casualty insurance premium tax, a portion of the foreign fire insurance tax designated for paid firefighters and any investment income earned on the collection of these taxes. Generally, municipal pension plans established prior to December 18, 1984, are eligible for state aid. For municipal pension plans established after that date, the sponsoring municipality must fund the plan for three plan years before it becomes eligible for state aid. In accordance with Act 205, a municipality's annual state aid allocation cannot exceed its actual pension costs.

In addition to Act 205, the New Sewickley Township Nonuniformed Union Pension Plan is also governed by implementing regulations adopted by the Public Employee Retirement Commission published at Title 16, Part IV of the Pennsylvania Code and applicable provisions of various other state statutes.

As further described in the Letter from the Auditor General included in this report, the township's nonuniformed union employees participate in the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local No. 66, Central Pension Plan. The New Sewickley Township Nonuniformed Union Pension Plan is locally controlled by the provisions of Ordinance No. 157, as amended. The plan is also affected by the provisions of collective bargaining agreements between the township and its nonuniformed union employees. Active members are not required to contribute to the plan. The municipality was required to contribute \$80 per week per member for the year 2004, \$85 per week per member for the year 2005 and \$90 per week per member for the year 2006.



Board of Township Supervisors New Sewickley Township Beaver County Rochester, PA 15074

We have conducted a compliance audit of the New Sewickley Township Nonuniformed Union Pension Plan for the period January 1, 2004, to December 31, 2006. The audit was conducted pursuant to authority derived from Section 402(j) of Act 205 of 1984 and in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

The objective of the audit was to determine if the pension plan was administered in compliance with applicable state laws, regulations, contracts, administrative procedures, and local ordinances and policies.

Our audit was limited to the areas related to the objective identified above. The township's nonuniformed union employees participate in the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local No. 66, Central Pension Plan, a Taft-Hartley Act collectively bargained, jointly trusteed, multi-employer pension plan, which is governed primarily by the Federal Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ERISA provides for substantial federal government oversight of the operating and reporting practices of employee benefit plans subject to its provisions. Accordingly, the scope of our audit was restricted to the activities of the New Sewickley Township Nonuniformed Union Pension Plan and did not extend to the activities of the multi-employer pension plan.

The Department of the Auditor General (Department) is mandated by state statute to calculate state aid provided to municipal pension funds and to audit municipal pension funds having received such aid. State aid is calculated by an administrative unit that is not involved in the audit process. The Department's Comptroller Office then pre-audits the calculation and submits requests to the Commonwealth's Treasury Department for the disbursement of state aid to the municipality. The Department has implemented procedures to ensure that Department audit personnel are not directly involved in the calculation and disbursement processes. The Department's mandatory responsibilities are being disclosed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*.

Township officials are responsible for establishing and maintaining an internal control structure to provide reasonable assurance that the New Sewickley Township Nonuniformed Union Pension Plan is administered in compliance with applicable state laws, regulations, contracts, administrative procedures, and local ordinances and policies. To assist us in planning and performing our audit, we obtained an understanding of the township's internal control structure as it relates to the township's compliance with those requirements. Additionally, we tested transactions, assessed official actions, performed analytical procedures and interviewed selected officials to the extent necessary to satisfy the audit objective.

The results of our tests indicated that, in all significant respects, the New Sewickley Township Nonuniformed Union Pension Plan was administered in compliance with applicable state laws, regulations, contracts, administrative procedures, and local ordinances and policies.

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

The contents of this report were discussed with officials of New Sewickley Township and, where appropriate, their responses have been included in the report.

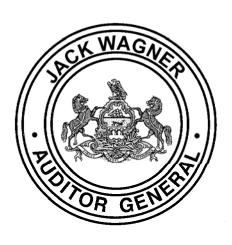
October 9, 2007

JACK WAGNER Auditor General

# NEW SEWICKLEY TOWNSHIP NONUNIFORMED UNION PENSION PLAN SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION (UNAUDITED)

## SCHEDULE OF STATE AID AND EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS

Year Ended December 31	State Aid Deposited	Employer Contributions
2001	\$ 9,044	\$ 3,852
2002	10,576	2,099
2003	10,496	4,804
2004	13,057	3,902
2005	17,680	None
2006	14,040	4,680



### NEW SEWICKLEY TOWNSHIP NONUNIFORMED UNION PENSION PLAN REPORT DISTRIBUTION LIST

This report was initially distributed to the following:

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