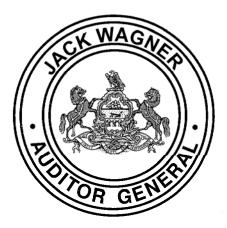
### ORANGEVILLE REGIONAL POLICE PENSION PLAN

## COLUMBIA COUNTY

# **COMPLIANCE AUDIT REPORT**

## FOR THE PERIOD

# **JANUARY 1, 2004, TO DECEMBER 31, 2007**



# **ORANGEVILLE REGIONAL POLICE PENSION PLAN**

## **COLUMBIA COUNTY**

# **COMPLIANCE AUDIT REPORT**

# FOR THE PERIOD

JANUARY 1, 2004, TO DECEMBER 31, 2007

# CONTENTS

Page
ackground1
etter from the Auditor General
inding and Recommendation:
Finding – Failure To Deposit The Full Amount Of State Aid Into The Pension Plan
upplementary Information
eport Distribution List
BBREVIATION

PMRS - Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System

#### BACKGROUND

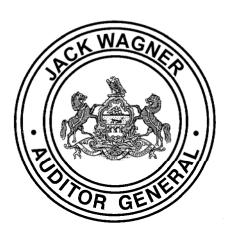
On December 18, 1984, the Pennsylvania Legislature adopted the Municipal Pension Plan Funding Standard and Recovery Act (P.L. 1005, No. 205, as amended, 53 P.S. § 895.101 <u>et seq.</u>). The act established mandatory actuarial reporting and funding requirements and a uniform basis for the distribution 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 Orangeville Regional Police 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 including, but not limited to, the following:

Act 15 - Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement Law, Act of February 1, 1974 (P.L. 34, No. 15), as amended, 53 P.S. § 881.101 et seq.

The Orangeville Regional Police Pension Plan is a single-employer defined benefit pension plan locally controlled by the provisions of Resolution No. 2003-10-6, adopted pursuant to Act 15.



Orangeville Area Police Commission Orangeville Area Police Department Columbia County Orangeville, PA 17859

We have conducted a compliance audit of the Orangeville Regional Police Pension Plan for the period January 1, 2004, to December 31, 2007. The audit was conducted pursuant to authority derived from Section 402(j) of Act 205 and in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* applicable to performance audits issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain sufficient, appropriate evidence to provide a reasonable basis for our finding and conclusions based on our audit objective. We believe that the evidence obtained provides a reasonable basis for our finding and conclusions based on our audit objective.

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 Orangeville Regional Police Pension Plan participates in the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System (PMRS), which is an agent multiple-employer public employee retirement system that acts as a common investment and administrative agent for participating municipal pension plans. PMRS issues a separate Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, copies of which are available from the PMRS accounting office. PMRS's financial statements were not audited by us and, accordingly, we express no opinion or other form of assurance on them.

Commission officials are responsible for establishing and maintaining an internal control structure to provide reasonable assurance that the Orangeville Regional Police 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 commission's internal control structure as it relates to the commission'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 Orangeville Regional Police Pension Plan was administered in compliance with applicable state laws, regulations, contracts, administrative procedures, and local ordinances and policies, except as noted in the following finding further discussed later in this report:

#### Finding – Failure To Deposit The Full Amount Of State Aid Into The Pension Plan

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 the Orangeville Area Police Commission and, where appropriate, their responses have been included in the report.

May 16, 2008

JACK WAGNER Auditor General

### ORANGEVILLE REGIONAL POLICE PENSION PLAN FINDING AND RECOMMENDATION

#### Finding – Failure To Deposit The Full Amount Of State Aid Into The Pension Plan

<u>Condition</u>: The commission did not deposit the full amount of its 2004 state aid allocation into the pension plan. The commission received its 2004 state aid allocation in the amount of \$4,117, but, as of the date of this report, only state aid totaling \$3,056 was deposited into the pension plan.

Criteria: Section 402(g) of Act 205 states, in part:

... the total amount of the general municipal pension system State aid received by the municipality shall, within 30 days of receipt by the treasurer of the municipality, be deposited in the pension fund or the alternate funding mechanism applicable to the pension plan.

<u>Cause</u>: Adequate internal control procedures were not in effect to ensure the deposit of the full amount of state aid in accordance with Act 205 requirements.

<u>Effect</u>: When state aid is not deposited into a pension plan account, the funds are not available to pay operating expenses or for investment and the risk of misapplication is increased.

<u>Recommendation</u>: We recommend that the commission deposit the remaining state aid allocation of \$1,061, plus interest earned during the period beyond the 30 day grace period allowed by Act 205, compounded annually, into the pension plan. A copy of the interest calculation must be maintained by the commission for examination during our next audit of the plan.

We also recommend that plan officials develop and implement procedures to ensure that future state aid is deposited into the police pension plan within 30 days of receipt by the commission's treasurer.

Management's Response: Commission officials agreed with the finding without exception.

### ORANGEVILLE REGIONAL POLICE PENSION PLAN SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION (UNAUDITED)

#### 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, except for distressed pension plans, for which annual reporting was required through January 1, 2003. The historical information, beginning as of January 1, 2005, is as follows:

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
						Unfunded
			Unfunded			(Assets in
		Actuarial	(Assets in			Excess of)
		Accrued	Excess of)			Actuarial
	Actuarial	Liability	Actuarial			Accrued
Actuarial	Value of	(AAL) -	Accrued	Funded	Covered	Liability as a %
Valuation	Assets	Entry Age	Liability	Ratio	Payroll	of Payroll
Date	(a)	(b)	(b) - (a)	(a)/(b)	(c)	[(b-a)/(c)]
01-01-05	\$ 195,537	\$ 175,980	\$ (19,557)	111.1%	\$ 42,184	(46.4%)
01-01-07	232,284	203,736	(28,548)	114.0%	45,817	(62.3%)

Generally accepted accounting principles require the above data to be presented as of the plan's actuarial valuation dates for the past six consecutive fiscal years. Since six years of data were not yet available, this requirement will be implemented prospectively.

#### ORANGEVILLE REGIONAL POLICE PENSION PLAN SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION (UNAUDITED)

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.

Trends in unfunded (assets in excess of) actuarial accrued liability and annual covered payroll are both affected by inflation. Expressing the unfunded (assets in excess of) actuarial accrued liability as a percentage of annual covered payroll (Column 6) approximately adjusts for the effects of inflation and aids analysis of the plan's progress made in accumulating sufficient assets to pay benefits when due. Generally, where there is an unfunded actuarial accrued liability, the smaller this percentage, the stronger the plan. However, when assets are in excess of the actuarial accrued liability, the higher the bracketed percentage, the stronger the plan.

## ORANGEVILLE REGIONAL POLICE PENSION PLAN SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION (UNAUDITED)

## SCHEDULE OF CONTRIBUTIONS FROM EMPLOYER AND OTHER CONTRIBUTING ENTITIES

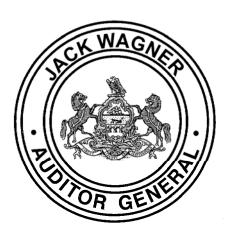
Year Ended December 31	Annual Required Contribution	Percentage Contributed
2004	\$ 3,056	100.0%
2005	5,699	100.0%
2006	5,698	100.0%
2007	5,156	100.0%

Generally accepted accounting principles require the above data to be presented for the past six consecutive fiscal years. Since six years of data were not yet available, this requirement will be implemented prospectively.

## ORANGEVILLE REGIONAL POLICE PENSION PLAN SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION NOTES TO SUPPLEMENTARY SCHEDULES (UNAUDITED)

The information presented in the required 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, 2007
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	6.0%, net of expenses
Projected salary increases *	4.5%
* Includes inflation at	3.0%
Cost-of-living adjustments	3.0%, where applicable



#### ORANGEVILLE REGIONAL POLICE PENSION PLAN REPORT DISTRIBUTION LIST

This report was initially distributed to the following:

### The Honorable Edward G. Rendell Governor Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

### Orangeville Regional Police Pension Plan Columbia County 2028 State Route 487 Orangeville, PA 17859

Mr. Robert Miller	President, Orangeville Area Police Commission
Ms. Patricia Russo	Secretary/Treasurer
Mr. Benjamin F. Mader	Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System

This report is a matter of public record. Copies of this report may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of the Auditor General, Office of Communications, Room 318 Finance Building, Harrisburg, PA 17120. If you have any questions regarding this report or any other matter, you may contact the Department of the Auditor General by accessing our website at www.auditorgen.state.pa.us.