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Auditor General DePasquale Releases Pension Plan Audits for Municipalities in 14 Counties

HARRISBURG – Auditor General Eugene DePasquale today released audits of municipal employee pension plans in Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Berks, Bucks, Chester, Lancaster, Luzerne, Mifflin, Monroe, Warren, Washington, Westmoreland and Wyoming counties.

State pension aid for police, firefighters and nonuniformed municipal employee pensions is provided from a 2 percent tax on out-of-state casualty insurance premiums, a portion of the out-of-state fire insurance tax designated for paid firefighters, and any investment income earned on the collection of these taxes.

The objectives of pension plan audits are to determine, for the selected audit period, if the municipality complied with any prior audit recommendations and if the municipal pension plan is in compliance with applicable state laws, regulations, contracts, administrative procedures, and local ordinances and policies.

Specifically, department auditors review issues including whether:

- state aid was properly determined and deposited according to the requirements of the Municipal Pension Plan Funding Standard and Recovery Act;
- employer contributions were determined and deposited in compliance with the plan's governing document and applicable state laws and regulations;
- employee contributions are required, and if so, whether they were properly determined and deposited into the pension plan;
- benefit payments were properly made only to those entitled to receive them;
- obligations for plan benefits were accurately determined under plan provisions and based upon complete and accurate participant data; and
- actuarial valuation reports were sent to the Public Employee Retirement Commission in accordance with state law and 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.

The full audit reports for municipalities listed below are available online using the links provided below, others are available online at: www.PaAuditor.gov/audit-reports.

Allegheny County

- Ohio Township Nonuniformed Pension Plan
- Ohio Township Police Pension Plan

Armstrong County

• West Franklin Township Nonuniformed Pension Plan

Beaver County

• Big Beaver Borough Nonuniformed Pension Plan

Berks County

• Heidelberg Township Police Pension Plan

Bucks County

- Tullytown Borough Nonuniformed Pension Plan
- Tullytown Borough Police Pension Plan

Chester County

• Honey Brook Borough Police Pension Plan

Lancaster County

- Mount Joy Borough Nonuniformed Pension Plan
- Mount Joy Borough Police Pension Plan

Luzerne County

- Hanover Township Nonuniformed Pension Plan
- Hanover Township Police Pension Plan

Mifflin County

• Brown Township Nonuniformed Pension Plan

Monroe County

• Hamilton Township Nonuniformed Pension Plan

Warren County

• Southwest Township Nonuniformed Pension Plan

Washington County

• Deemston Borough Nonuniformed Pension Plan

Westmoreland County

- Avonmore Borough Nonuniformed Pension Plan
- Avonmore Borough Police Pension Plan

Wyoming County

• Eaton Township Nonuniformed Pension Plan

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