LIMITED PROCEDURES ENGAGEMENT

Cherryhill Township Non-Uniformed Pension Plan

Indiana 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 Cherryhill 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. 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, 2010 to December 31, 2015, 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, 2010 to December 31, 2015, are presented on the Summary of Deposited State Aid and Employer Contributions.
- × 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 recalculating the amount of the lump sum 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 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.

Based on the results of our procedures performed during our LPE, nothing came to our attention indicating that the Cherryhill 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 contents of this letter were discussed with officials of Cherryhill 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.

April 27, 2016

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CHERRYHILL TOWNSHIP NON-UNIFORMED PENSION PLAN STATUS OF PRIOR FINDINGS

Compliance With Prior Audit Recommendations

Cherryhill Township has complied with the prior audit recommendations concerning the following:

· Receipt Of State Aid In Excess Of Entitlement

The township reimbursed \$199 to the Commonwealth for the excess state aid received in 2010 and 2011.

· Failure To Properly Fund Members' Accounts

The township deposited the required contributions due to the 2 members' accounts, with interest.

CHERRYHILL TOWNSHIP NON-UNIFORMED PENSION PLAN SUMMARY OF DEPOSITED STATE AID AND EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS

Year Ended December 31	State Aid	Employer Contributions
2010	\$ 5,172	\$ 2,203
2011	4,990	1,080
2012	4,990	992
2013	5,842	6,158
2014	12,500	None
2015	13,450	None

CHERRYHILL TOWNSHIP NON-UNIFORMED PENSION PLAN DISTRIBUTION LIST

This letter was initially distributed to the following:

The Honorable Tom W. Wolf

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