# **COMPLIANCE AUDIT**

# Camp Hill Borough Non-Uniformed Pension Plan Cumberland County, Pennsylvania For the Period January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2021

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The Honorable Mayor and Borough Council Camp Hill Borough Cumberland County Camp Hill, PA 17011

We have conducted a compliance audit of the Camp Hill Borough Non-Uniformed Pension Plan for the period January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2021. We also evaluated compliance with some requirements subsequent to that period when possible. The audit was conducted pursuant to authority derived from the Municipal Pension Plan Funding Standard and Recovery Act (Act 205 of 1984, as amended, 53 P.S. § 895.402(j)), which requires the Auditor General, as deemed necessary, to audit every municipality which receives general municipal pension system state aid and every municipal pension plan and fund in which general municipal pension system state aid is deposited. The audit was not conducted, nor was it required to be, in accordance with Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. We planned and performed the audit to obtain sufficient, appropriate evidence to provide a reasonable basis for our conclusions based on our audit objective. We believe that the evidence obtained provides a reasonable basis for our 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. To determine whether the pension plan was administered in compliance with applicable state laws, regulations, contracts, administrative procedures, and local ordinances and policies, our methodology included the following:

We determined 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 period under audit.

- We determined 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.
- We determined that there were no employee contributions required for the years covered by our audit period due to the fact that employee contributions were appropriately waived by the municipality.
- We determined whether retirement benefits calculated for plan members who retired during the current audit 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 benefits due to the retired individuals and comparing these amounts to supporting documentation evidencing amounts determined and actually paid to the recipients.
- We determined whether the January 1, 2017, January 1, 2019, and January 1, 2021 actuarial valuation reports were prepared and submitted by March 31, 2018, 2020, and 2022, 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.

The Camp Hill Borough Non-Uniformed 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 Annual Comprehensive 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.

Borough officials are responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal controls to provide reasonable assurance that the Camp Hill Borough Non-Uniformed Pension Plan is administered in compliance with applicable state laws, regulations, contracts, administrative procedures, and local ordinances and policies. As previously described, we tested transactions, interviewed selected officials and performed procedures to the extent necessary to provide reasonable assurance of detecting instances of noncompliance with legal and regulatory requirements or noncompliance with provisions of contracts, administrative procedures, and local ordinances with provisions of contracts, administrative procedures, and local ordinance with provisions of contracts, administrative procedures, and local ordinances with provisions of contracts, administrative procedures, and local ordinances with ministrative procedures and policies that are significant within the context of the audit objective.

The results of our procedures indicated that, in all significant respects, the Camp Hill Borough Non-Uniformed 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 or conclude on it and, accordingly, express no form of assurance on it.

The contents of this report were discussed with officials of Camp Hill Borough and, where appropriate, their responses have been included in the report. We would like to thank borough officials for the cooperation extended to us during the conduct of the audit.

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#### 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.

Annual state aid allocations are provided from a 2 percent foreign (out-of-state) casualty insurance premium tax, a portion of the foreign (out-of-state) 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 Camp Hill Borough Non-Uniformed Pension Plan is also governed by implementing regulations 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 Camp Hill Borough Non-Uniformed Pension Plan is a single-employer defined benefit pension plan locally controlled by the provisions of Ordinance No. 2021-06 effective September 1, 2020, and a separately executed plan agreement with the plan custodian, adopted pursuant to Act 15. Prior to September 1, 2020, the plan was locally controlled by the provisions of Ordinance No. 2016-01 and an agreement also adopted pursuant to Act 15. The plan is also affected by the provisions of collective bargaining agreements between the borough and its non-uniformed employees. The plan was established October 22, 1968. Active members are required to contribute four and one-half (4.5) percent of compensation to the plan; however, member contributions were eliminated during the audit period. As of December 31, 2021, the plan had 9 active members, 2 terminated members eligible for vested benefits in the future, and 11 retirees receiving pension benefits.

## CAMP HILL BOROUGH NON-UNIFORMED 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. The historical information, beginning as of January 1, 2017, is as follows:

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
			Unfunded	
		Actuarial	(Assets in	
		Accrued	Excess of)	
	Actuarial	Liability	Actuarial	
Actuarial	Value of	(AAL) -	Accrued	Funded
Valuation	Assets	Entry Age	Liability	Ratio
Date	(a)	(b)	(b) - (a)	(a)/(b)
01-01-17	\$ 3,073,990	\$ 2,796,383	\$ (277,607)	109.9%
01-01-19	3,431,467	3,103,834	(327,633)	110.6%
01-01-21	3,618,143	3,263,390	(354,753)	110.9%

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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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									Contributions
									as a
									Percentage of
	Ac	tuarially			Co	ntribution	C	Covered-	Covered-
Year Ended	Det	termined		Actual	D	eficiency	E	mployee	Employee
December 31	Con	tribution	Cor	ntributions	(	Excess)	I	Payroll*	Payroll*
2014	\$	35,200	\$	63,805	\$	(28,605)	\$	830,655	7.68%
2015		57,249		57,349		(100)		949,606	6.04%
2016		72,243		108,569		(36,326)		915,036	11.86%
2017		85,985		85,985		-		845,970	10.16%
2018		77,980		88,197		(10,217)		821,464	10.74%
2019		58,385		63,719		(5,334)		813,856	7.83%
2020		59,851		78,518		(18,667)		841,322	9.33%
2021		64,377		64,377		-			

## SCHEDULE OF CONTRIBUTIONS

\* Due to the timing of this audit, covered-employee payroll for 2021 was not provided in this schedule.

## CAMP HILL BOROUGH NON-UNIFORMED PENSION PLAN 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, 2021
Actuarial cost method	Entry age normal
Amortization method	Not applicable
Remaining amortization period	None
Asset valuation method	Not available
Actuarial assumptions:	
Investment rate of return *	5.25%, compounded annually, net of investment and administration expenses
Projected salary increases *	4.1%
* Includes inflation at	2.2%
Cost-of-living adjustments	2.2% per year, subject to plan limitations

The information reported above was extracted from the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System Experience Study Results Report dated September 2020 which is the basis for the 01-01-2021 actuarial valuation. The report did not specify the actuarial or market value methodologies often contained in the Notes to Supplementary Schedules and will be added going forward when readily available.

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