

LIMITED PROCEDURES ENGAGEMENT

Decatur Township Police Pension Plan Clearfield County, Pennsylvania For the Period January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2018

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We conducted a Limited Procedures Engagement (LPE) of the Decatur Township Police Pension Plan for the period January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2018 to determine its compliance with applicable state laws, regulations, contracts, administrative procedures, and local ordinances and policies. 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 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.
- 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.
- 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 by recalculating the amount of the monthly 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, 2015 and January 1, 2017 actuarial valuation reports were prepared and submitted by March 31, 2016 and 2018, respectively, in accordance with Act 205 and whether selected information provided on these report 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 Decatur Township Police 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 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 Decatur Township and, where appropriate, their responses have been included in this report. We would like to thank township officials for the cooperation extended to us during the conduct of this LPE.

August 14, 2019



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The supplementary information contained on Pages 1 through 3 reflects the implementation of GASB Statement No. 67, *Financial Reporting for Pension Plans*. The objective of this statement is to improve financial reporting by state and local governmental pension plans.

SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN THE NET PENSION
LIABILITY AND RELATED RATIOS
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014 AND 2015

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
Total Pension Liability		
Service cost	\$ 13,763	\$ 11,993
Interest	14,985	15,941
Difference between expected and actual experience	6,572	-
Changes of assumptions	-	(7,198)
Benefit payments, including refunds of member contributions	(16,165)	(16,165)
Net Change in Total Pension Liability	<u>19,155</u>	<u>4,571</u>
Total Pension Liability – Beginning	266,668	285,823
Total Pension Liability – Ending (a)	<u>\$ 285,823</u>	<u>\$ 290,394</u>
Plan Fiduciary Net Position		
Contributions – employer	\$ 19,159	\$ 16,490
Contributions – PMRS Assessment	-	80
PMRS investment income	11,824	12,633
Market Value investment income	(334)	(14,100)
Benefit payments, including refunds of member contributions	(16,165)	(16,165)
PMRS Administrative expense	(60)	(80)
Additional Administrative expense	(453)	(527)
Net Change in Plan Fiduciary Net Position	<u>13,971</u>	<u>(1,669)</u>
Plan Fiduciary Net Position – Beginning	217,415	231,386
Plan Fiduciary Net Position – Ending (b)	<u>\$ 231,386</u>	<u>\$ 229,717</u>
Net Pension Liability – Ending (a-b)	<u>\$ 54,437</u>	<u>\$ 60,677</u>
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability	80.95%	79.11%
Estimated Covered Employee Payroll	\$ 74,157	\$ 64,620
Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of Covered Employee Payroll	73.41%	93.90%

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LIABILITY AND RELATED RATIOS
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016 AND 2017

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>
Total Pension Liability		
Service cost	\$ 11,757	\$ 6,612
Interest	16,180	14,972
Difference between expected and actual experience	(23,657)	-
Changes of assumptions	8,046	-
Benefit payments, including refunds of member contributions	(16,165)	(16,165)
Net Change in Total Pension Liability	(3,839)	5,419
Total Pension Liability – Beginning	290,394	286,555
Total Pension Liability – Ending (a)	<u>\$ 286,555</u>	<u>\$ 291,974</u>
Plan Fiduciary Net Position		
Contributions – employer	\$ 16,560	\$ 17,765
Contributions – PMRS assessment	60	60
PMRS investment income	13,329	13,613
Market value investment income	8,273	31,085
Benefit payments, including refunds of member contributions	(16,165)	(16,165)
PMRS administrative expense	(60)	(60)
Additional Administrative expense	(653)	(626)
Net Change in Plan Fiduciary Net Position	21,344	45,672
Plan Fiduciary Net Position – Beginning	229,717	251,061
Plan Fiduciary Net Position – Ending (b)	<u>\$ 251,061</u>	<u>\$ 296,733</u>
Net Pension Liability – Ending (a-b)	<u>\$ 35,494</u>	<u>\$ (4,759)</u>
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability	87.61%	101.63%
Estimated Covered Employee Payroll	\$ 68,671	\$ 41,780
Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of Covered Employee Payroll	51.69%	(11.39%)

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Sensitivity Of The Net Pension Liability To Changes In The Discount Rate

The following presents the net pension liability of the township as of December 31, 2014 and 2015, calculated using the discount rate of 5.50%, as well as what the township's net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1 percentage-point lower or 1 percentage-point higher than the current rate:

	<u>1% Decrease (4.5%)</u>	<u>Current Discount Rate (5.50%)</u>	<u>1% Increase (6.50%)</u>
Net Pension Liability – 12/31/14	\$ 89,853	\$ 54,437	\$ 24,722
Net Pension Liability – 12/31/15	\$ 96,998	\$ 60,677	\$ 30,211

In addition, the following presents the net pension liability of the township as of December 31, 2016 and 2017, calculated using the discount rate of 5.25%, as well as what the township's net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1 percentage-point lower or 1 percentage-point higher than the current rate:

	<u>1% Decrease (4.25%)</u>	<u>Current Discount Rate (5.25%)</u>	<u>1% Increase (6.25%)</u>
Net Pension Liability – 12/31/16	\$ 71,564	\$ 35,494	\$ 5,323
Net Pension Liability – 12/31/17	\$ 31,993	\$ (4,759)	\$ (35,501)

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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, 2013, is as follows:

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Actuarial Valuation Date	Actuarial Value of Assets (a)	Actuarial Accrued Liability (AAL) - Entry Age (b)	Unfunded (Assets in Excess of) Actuarial Accrued Liability (b) - (a)	Funded Ratio (a)/(b)
01-01-13	\$ 215,101	\$ 255,296	\$ 40,195	84.3%
01-01-15	239,182	285,823	46,641	83.7%
01-01-17	273,959	286,555	12,596	95.6%

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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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SCHEDULE OF CONTRIBUTIONS FROM EMPLOYER
AND OTHER CONTRIBUTING ENTITIES

Year Ended December 31	Annual Required Contribution	Percentage Contributed
2013	\$ 12,376	100.0%
2014	12,686	151.0%
2015	16,550	100.1%
2016	16,254	102.3%
2017	17,825	100.0%
2018	11,962	100.0%

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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, 2017
Actuarial cost method	Entry age normal
Amortization method	Level dollar closed
Remaining amortization period	6 years
Asset valuation method	Fair value
Actuarial assumptions:	
Investment rate of return *	5.25%, net of expenses
Projected salary increases *	2.8% – 7.05%
Cost-of-living adjustments	None

* Includes inflation at 2.8%

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This report was initially distributed to the following:

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