

# COMPLIANCE AUDIT

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## Ohioville Borough Police Pension Plan Beaver County, Pennsylvania

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The Honorable Mayor and Borough Council  
Ohioville Borough  
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We have conducted a compliance audit of the Ohioville Borough Police Pension Plan 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 finding and conclusions based on our audit objectives. We believe that the evidence obtained provides a reasonable basis for our finding and conclusions based on our audit objectives.

The objectives of the audit were:

1. To determine if municipal officials took appropriate corrective action to address the finding contained in our prior report; and
2. 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 objectives identified above. To determine if municipal officials took appropriate corrective action to address the finding contained in our prior report, we inquired of plan officials and evaluated supporting documentation provided by officials evidencing that the suggested corrective action has been appropriately taken. 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:

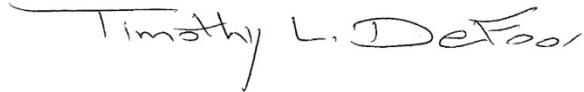
- For the period January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2022, and through the completion of our fieldwork procedures, we determined whether state aid was properly determined and deposited in accordance with Act 205 requirements by verifying the annual deposit date of state aid and determining whether deposits were made within 30 days of receipt. State aid allocations that were deposited into the pension plan for the years ended December 31, 2017 to December 31, 2022, are presented on the Summary of Deposited State Aid and Employer Contributions.
- For the period January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2022, and through the completion of our fieldwork procedures, 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. Employer contributions that were deposited into the pension plan for the years ended December 31, 2017 to December 31, 2022, are presented on the Summary of Deposited State Aid and Employer Contributions.
- For the period January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2022, we determined that there were no employee contributions required by the plan's governing document and applicable laws and regulations.
- For the period January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2022, we determined that there were no benefit calculations prepared.
- We determined whether the January 1, 2021 and January 1, 2023 actuarial valuation reports were prepared and submitted by March 31, 2022 and March 31, 2024 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.

Ohioville Borough contracted with an independent certified public accounting firm for annual audits of its financial statements prepared in conformity with the accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the Department of Community and Economic Development of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, which are available at the borough's offices. Those 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 Ohioville Borough Police 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 and policies that are significant within the context of the audit objectives.

The results of our procedures indicated that, in all significant respects, the Ohioville Borough Police Pension Plan was administered in compliance with applicable state laws, regulations, contracts, administrative procedures, and local ordinances and policies for the periods noted above.

The contents of this report were discussed with officials of Ohioville 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.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Timothy L. DeFoor". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending to the left of the first letter.

Timothy L. DeFoor  
Auditor General  
January 11, 2024

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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 et seq.). 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 two 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 Ohioville Borough Police 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 37 - The Borough Code, Act of April 18, 2014 (P.L. 432, No. 37), Chapter 11, Subchapter F Police Pension Fund in Boroughs Having a Police Force of Less Than Three Members, as amended, 8 Pa. C.S. § 1131 et seq.

The Ohioville Borough Police Pension Plan is a single-employer defined contribution pension plan locally controlled by the provisions of Ordinance No. 126, as amended, and a separately executed joinder agreement with Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs Municipal Retirement Trust, effective November 14, 2002, adopted pursuant to Act 37. The plan is also affected by the provisions of collective bargaining agreements between the borough and its police officers. The plan was established January 1, 1995. Active members are not required to contribute to the plan. The municipality is required to contribute 15.0 percent of base pay. As of December 31, 2022, the plan had two active members and one terminated member eligible for vested benefits in the future.

OHIOVILLE BOROUGH POLICE PENSION PLAN  
STATUS OF PRIOR FINDING

Compliance With Prior Recommendation

Ohioville Borough has complied with the prior recommendation concerning the following:

- Untimely Deposit Of State Aid

Municipal officials deposited \$3,295 into the police pension plan on February 25, 2019, representing the interest earned beyond the 30 day grace period allowed by Act 205 for the late deposits of state aid in the years 2014 through 2018.

OHIOVILLE BOROUGH POLICE PENSION PLAN  
SUMMARY OF DEPOSITED STATE AID AND EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS  
(UNAUDITED)

Year Ended December 31	State Aid	Employer Contributions
2017	\$ 12,577	None
2018	15,964	None
2019	17,285	\$ 770
2020	17,888	2,464
2021	20,005	None
2022	18,065	2,646



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