COMPLIANCE AUDIT

Sadsbury Township Police Pension Plan Chester County, Pennsylvania

For the Period January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2022

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We have conducted a compliance audit of the Sadsbury Township Police Pension Plan for the period January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2022. 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 findings and 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 whether annual employee contributions were calculated, deducted, and deposited into the pension plan in accordance with the plan's governing document and applicable laws and regulations by testing total members' contributions on an annual basis using the rates obtained from the plan's governing document in effect for all years within the period under audit and examining documents evidencing the deposit of these employee contributions into the pension plan.
- We determined that there were no benefit calculations prepared for the years covered by our audit period.
- We determined whether the January 1, 2019 and January 1, 2021 actuarial valuation reports were prepared and submitted by March 31, 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 Sadsbury Township Police 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.

Township officials are responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal controls to provide reasonable assurance that the Sadsbury Township 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 objective.

The results of our procedures indicated that, in all significant respects, the Sadsbury Township Police Pension Plan was administered in compliance with applicable state laws, regulations, contracts, administrative procedures, and local ordinances and policies, except as noted in the following findings further discussed later in this report:

Finding No. 1	 Failure To Properly Determine And Pay The Financial Requirement And Minimum Municipal Obligation Of The Pension Plan
Finding No. 2	- Failure To Deposit State Aid Into The Pension Plan
Finding No. 3	 Untimely Deposit Of State Aid
Finding No. 4	 Ordinance Improperly Amended By Resolution
Finding No. 5	 Failure To Adopt Mandatory Act 44 Procedures For The Procurement Of Professional Services
Finding No. 6	 Inadequate Accounting/Reporting Over Activity Of The 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 Sadsbury Township and, where appropriate, their responses have been included in the report. We would like to thank township officials for the cooperation extended to us during the conduct of the audit.

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Timothy L. DeFoor Auditor General May 25, 2023

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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 two (2.0) 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 Sadsbury Township 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 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 Sadsbury Township Police Pension Plan is a single-employer defined benefit pension plan locally controlled by the provisions of Ordinance No. 2018-05, as amended, and a separately executed plan agreement with the plan custodian, adopted pursuant to Act 15. The plan is also affected by the provisions of collective bargaining agreements between the township and its police officers. The plan was established January 1, 2018. Active members are required to contribute five (5.0) percent of compensation to the plan. As of December 31, 2022, the plan had four active members, no terminated members eligible for vested benefits in the future, and no retirees receiving pension benefits.

<u>Finding No. 1 – Failure To Properly Determine And Pay The Financial Requirement And</u> <u>Minimum Municipal Obligation Of The Pension Plan</u>

<u>Condition</u>: Plan officials did not properly determine and pay the financial requirement of the plan (FRP) and minimum municipal obligation (MMO) of the police pension plan for the year 2022, as required by Act 205. The MMO prepared by the municipality was \$0, however, based upon an estimate prepared by this department, the MMO was \$22,708 for the year 2022, which remains unpaid.

Criteria: With regard to the FRP, Section 302(b) of Act 205 states:

- (1) Annually, the chief administrative officer of the pension plan shall determine the financial requirements of the pension plan for the following plan year. The financial requirements of the pension plan for the following plan year shall be based on the most recent actuarial valuation report of the pension plan prepared pursuant to Chapter 2. Unless the assets of the pension plan equal the present value of future benefits as reported pursuant to section 202(b)(2), the financial requirements of the pension plan shall be the normal cost and administrative expense requirements for the following plan year and, if the pension plan has an unfunded actuarial accrued liability pursuant to the most recent actuarial valuation report, the amortization contribution requirement for the following plan year. The financial requirements of the pension plan, however, shall at least be equal to the annual amount of retirement and other benefits anticipated to be payable from the pension plan as of the date on which the financial requirements of the pension plan year less the market value of the pension plan are determined.
- (2) The normal cost and administrative expense requirements for the following plan year shall be expressed as a dollar amount and shall be determined by applying the normal cost of the benefit plan and the administrative expense payable from the assets attributable to the benefit plan, as reported in the actuarial valuation report of the pension plan and expressed as a percentage of payroll, to the payroll of the active membership of the pension plan as of the date the financial requirements of the pension plan are determined. In expressing the normal cost and administrative expense requirements as a dollar amount, the municipality shall exclude the compensation of all DROP participants from the payroll of the active membership of the pension plan.

Finding No. 1 – (Continued)

(3) The amortization contribution requirement for the following plan year shall be expressed as a dollar amount and shall be the additional amount reported in the actuarial valuation report of the pension plan as sufficient to amortize on a level dollar basis the various increments of the unfunded actuarial accrued liability of the benefit plan by the applicable amortization target dates as established in section 202(b)(4).

With regard to the MMO, Section 302(c) of Act 205 states:

Annually, the chief administrative officer of the pension plan shall determine the minimum obligation of the municipality with respect to the pension plan for the following plan year. The minimum obligation of the municipality with respect to the pension plan shall be equal to the financial requirements of the pension plan reduced by the following amounts:

- (1) The amount of any member contributions anticipated as receivable for the following year.
- (2) If the actuarial value of the assets of the pension plan exceed the actuarial accrued liability of the pension plan, an amount equal to one-tenth of the amount by which the actuarial value exceeds the actuarial accrued liability.

With regard to the payroll estimate used in the preparation of the MMO, the Pennsylvania Code, Title 16, Section 204.1(c)(1) states, in part:

The payroll used in determining the minimum municipal obligation of a pension plan under section 302(c) of the act shall be based on the payroll to be reported on the Internal Revenue Service Form W-2 and shall be calculated as the total payroll for active members of the plan as of the date of the determination, plus the payroll for the same active members of the plan projected to the year's end using the payroll rates in effect as of the date of the determination.

Section 302(d) of Act 205 states, in part:

The minimum obligation of the municipality shall be payable to the pension plan from the revenue of the municipality.

Finding No. 1 – (Continued)

Furthermore, Section 302(e) of Act 205 states:

Any amount of the minimum obligation of the municipality which remains unpaid as of December 31 of the year in which the minimum obligation is due shall be added to the minimum obligation of the municipality for the following year, with interest from January 1 of the year in which the minimum obligation was first due until the date the payment is paid at a rate equal to the interest assumption used for the actuarial valuation report or the discount rate applicable to treasury bills issued by the Department of Treasury of the United States with a six-month maturity as of the last business day in December of the plan year in which the obligation was due, whichever is greater, expressed as a monthly rate and compounded monthly.

<u>Cause</u>: Plan officials did not comply with the Act 205 requirements because there was a clerical error on the MMO worksheet provided by PMRS which resulted in the determination of an MMO of \$0.

<u>Effect</u>: The proper determination of the plan's FRP and MMO ensures plan officials can properly allocate the necessary resources to the pension plan for the upcoming year. The failure to pay the MMO could result in the plan not having adequate resources to meet current and future benefit obligations to its members.

Due to the municipality's failure to pay the 2022 MMO by the December 31, 2022, deadline, the municipality must add the outstanding 2022 MMO to the current year's MMO and include interest, as required by Act 205.

Furthermore, the township's future state aid allocations may be withheld until the finding recommendation is complied with.

<u>Recommendation</u>: We recommend that the municipality pay the MMO due to the police pension plan for the year 2022, with interest, in accordance with Section 302(e) of Act 205. A copy of the interest calculation must be submitted to our department along with evidence of the payment to the plan *(refer to the Potential Withhold of State Aid section of the report for documentation submission)*.

Furthermore, we recommend that, in the future, plan officials properly determine the FRP and MMO calculation and pay the full MMO due the plan.

Management's Response: Municipal officials agreed with the finding without exception.

<u>Auditor's Conclusion</u>: Due to the potential withhold of state aid, the township's compliance with the finding recommendation will be monitored subsequent to the release of the audit report and through our next audit of the plan.

Finding No. 2 – Failure To Deposit State Aid Into The Pension Plan

<u>Condition</u>: The municipality did not deposit its 2022 state aid allocation into the pension plan in accordance with Act 205. The municipality received its 2022 state aid allocation in the amount of \$35,550 on September 28, 2022, however, after correctly returning \$13,683 to the Commonwealth due to an overpayment, the remaining 2022 state aid allocation in the amount of \$21,867 was not deposited into the pension plan as of the date of our audit fieldwork completion and remains in the township's general fund.

Criteria: Section 402(g) of Act 205 states, in part:

... the total amount of the general municipal pension system State aid received by the municipality shall, within 30 days of receipt by the treasurer of the municipality, be deposited in the pension fund or the alternate funding mechanism applicable to the pension plan.

<u>Cause</u>: The 2022 state aid was not deposited into the pension plan because plan officials were unaware of applicable Act 205 provisions requiring the deposit of state aid regardless of the plan's MMO *(incorrectly calculated as \$0 as noted in Finding No. 1)* and internal control procedures were not in place to ensure that state aid was deposited into the plan during 2022, accordingly.

<u>Effect</u>: When state aid is not deposited into a pension plan account, the funds are not available to pay operating expenses or for investment and the risk of misapplication of the funds is increased.

Furthermore, the township's future state aid allocations may be withheld until the finding recommendation is complied with.

<u>Recommendation</u>: We recommend that the municipality immediately deposit the township's outstanding 2022 state aid allocation, \$21,867, plus interest earned during the period beyond the 30-day grace period allowed by Act 205, into the pension plan. A copy of the interest calculation must be submitted to our department along with evidence of the payment to the plan (*refer to the Potential Withhold of State Aid section of the report for documentation submission*).

Management's Response: Municipal officials agreed with the finding without exception.

<u>Auditor's Conclusion</u>: Due to the potential withhold of state aid, the township's compliance with the finding recommendation will be monitored subsequent to the release of the audit report and through our next audit of the plan.

Finding No. 3 – Untimely Deposit Of State Aid

<u>Condition</u>: The municipality did not deposit its 2021 state aid allocation into the pension plan within the 30-day grace period allowed by Act 205. The municipality received its 2021 state aid allocation in the amount of \$35,585 on September 28, 2021, but did not deposit the funds into its police pension plan until May 23, 2022.

Criteria: Section 402(g) of Act 205 states, in part:

... the total amount of the general municipal pension system State aid received by the municipality shall, within 30 days of receipt by the treasurer of the municipality, be deposited in the pension fund or the alternate funding mechanism applicable to the pension plan.

<u>Cause</u>: The 2021 state aid allocation was not deposited timely into the municipality's pension plan because plan officials were unaware of applicable Act 205 provisions (2021 was the firstyear municipality was eligible for state aid allocation under the program) and internal control procedures were not in place to ensure the timely deposit of state aid.

<u>Effect</u>: Although the state aid was eventually deposited into the plan, the interest earned beyond the 30-day grace period was not deposited into the plan. When state aid is not deposited into a pension plan account in a timely manner, the funds are not available to fund benefits, pay operating expenses, or for investment purposes. Additionally, the risk of misapplication of the funds is increased.

<u>Recommendation</u>: We recommend that the municipality pay the police pension plan the interest earned during the period beyond the 30-day grace period allowed by Act 205. A copy of the interest calculation must be maintained by the township for examination during our next audit of the plan.

We also recommend that plan officials develop and implement adequate internal control procedures to ensure that future state aid allocations are deposited timely in accordance with Act 205 requirements.

Management's Response: Municipal officials provided the following response:

Due to difficulties setting up the plan with PMRS, internal controls were not designed and finalized on a timely basis. This was the first year the township had received municipal pension state aid. Any interest payment into the plan will be made for the 2021 year, and internal controls will be implemented to ensure timely deposits of funds into the pension plan in future years.

<u>Auditor's Conclusion</u>: Based on the management response, it appears municipal officials intend to comply with the finding recommendation. Compliance will be evaluated during our next audit of the plan.

Finding No. 4 – Ordinance Improperly Amended By Resolution

<u>Condition</u>: The pension plan's governing document adopted by Ordinance No. 2018-05 was improperly amended by Resolution No. 2020-04 dated January 6, 2020, and Resolution No. 2022-06 dated March 1, 2022. Plan provisions adopted by ordinance, must be amended by ordinance.

<u>Criteria</u>: In <u>Wynne v. Lower Merion Township</u>, 181 Pa. Superior Ct., 524, the Pennsylvania Superior Court held that an ordinance may be amended only by another ordinance and not by a resolution.

<u>Cause</u>: Municipal officials were not aware that a resolution cannot amend an ordinance.

<u>Effect</u>: The failure to properly adopt amendments to the plan document could result in inconsistent or improper benefit calculations and distributions from the pension plan.

<u>Recommendation</u>: We recommend that the township amend the plan's governing document with a properly executed ordinance.

Management's Response: Municipal officials agreed with the finding without exception.

Auditor's Conclusion: Compliance will be evaluated during our next audit of the plan.

<u>Finding No. 5 – Failure To Adopt Mandatory Act 44 Procedures For The Procurement Of</u> <u>Professional Services</u>

<u>Condition</u>: Municipal officials failed to adopt the mandatory provisions of Act 205 regarding professional services contracts.

<u>Criteria</u>: Section 701-A of Act 205, as amended by Act 44 of 2009, defines a "Professional Services Contract", as follows:

"Professional services contract." A contract to which the municipal pension system is a party that is:

- (1) for the purchase or provision of professional services, including investment services, legal services, real estate services and other consulting services; and
- (2) not subject to a requirement that the lowest bid be accepted.

Finding No. 5 – (Continued)

In addition, Section 702-A (a) of Act 205 states, in part:

Each municipal pension system ... shall develop procedures to select the most qualified person to enter into a professional services contract. The procedures shall ensure that the availability of a professional services contract is advertised to potential participants in a timely and efficient manner. Procedures shall include applications and disclosure forms to be used to submit a proposal for review and to receive the award of a professional services contract.

Additionally, Section 702-A (c), (e), (f) and (h) state, in part:

Review. Procedures to select the most qualified person shall include a review of the person's qualifications, experience and expertise and the compensation to be charged.

Conflict of interest. The municipal pension system shall adopt policies relating to potential conflicts of interest in the review of a proposal or the negotiation of a contract.

Public information. Following the award of a professional services contract, all applications and disclosure forms shall be public except for proprietary information or other information protected by law.

Notice and summary. The relevant factors that resulted in the award of the professional services contract must be summarized in a written statement to be included in or attached to the documents awarding the contract. Within ten days of the award of the processional services contract, the original application, a summary of the basis for the award and all required disclosure forms must be transmitted to all unsuccessful applications and posted on the municipal pension system's Internet website, if an Internet website is maintained, at least seven days prior to the execution of the professional services contract.

Section 703-A (c) states, in part:

Upon advertisement for a professional services contract by the municipal pension system, the contractor may not cause or agree to allow a third party to communicate with officials or employees of the municipal pension system except for requests for technical clarification.

Finding No. 5 – (Continued)

<u>Cause</u>: Plan officials failed to establish adequate internal controls procedures to ensure compliance with provisions of Act 205.

<u>Effect</u>: The township's failure to adopt the required provisions stipulated in Act 205 regarding the procurement of professional investment and advisory services for the pension plan could result in a general lack of overall transparency of the proposed actions to be taken by plan officials relative to the awarding of future investment and advisory services contracts for the pension plan.

<u>Recommendation</u>: We recommend that municipal officials obtain a comprehensive understanding of Act 205 provisions for the procurement of professional services and develop and implement formal written procedures to ensure compliance with these provisions which should include the maintaining of appropriate and sufficient supporting documentation evidencing every phase of the process in the awarding of future professional services contracts for the pension plan, including authorizations/approvals of township officials in the official minutes of formal board meetings and the required notifications and disclosure responsibilities to ensure the transparency of the actions taken by plan officials relative to the awarding of such professional services contracts.

Management's Response: Municipal officials agreed with the finding without exception.

Auditor's Conclusion: Compliance will be evaluated during our next engagement of the plan.

Finding No. 6 - Inadequate Accounting/Reporting Over Activity Of The Pension Plan

<u>Condition</u>: The municipality's accounting/reporting system did not provide effective control over the transactional activity of the pension plan during the year 2022. Municipal officials were unable to furnish annual financial statements or custodial account statements summarizing the financial activity of its pension plan.

<u>Criteria</u>: An adequate system of accounting and record keeping is a prerequisite for sound administration of pension plans. In addition, assets held in a custodial account for the purpose of plan management are to be governed by the terms and provisions of the account contract, provided that the terms and provisions of the contract are within the parameters of all prevailing pension legislation. Although the municipality may contract with a trustee to administer the financial management of the plan, the fiduciary responsibility for the plan remains with the municipality.

Finding No. 6 – (Continued)

<u>Cause</u>: Municipal officials did not maintain a separate detailed accounting of pension plan transactions which, among other things, helps assure the production of proper financial statements to effectively monitor the annual activity of the pension plan. Additionally, municipal officials indicated that the plan's custodian failed to provide copies of the custodial account transaction statements summarizing activity of the pension plan account for the year 2022.

<u>Effect</u>: Although we were able to obtain alternate documentation from the municipality to evidence the propriety of individual transactions tested during performance of the audit, the failure to maintain annual financial and/or account transaction statements prohibits municipal officials from effectively monitoring the plan's financial operations and could lead to undetected errors or improprieties in account transactions.

<u>Recommendation</u>: We recommend that municipal officials establish and maintain a financial accounting and reporting system that allows the municipality to effectively monitor the plan's financial operations, even in the absence of statements from the plan custodian. Municipal officials should refer to the Auditor General's Bulletin No. 2-88 entitled "Preparation, Maintenance and Auditability of Financial Records," for further guidance in establishing adequate accounting and record-keeping procedures. In addition, we recommend that municipal officials contact the plan custodian and obtain annual financial statements of the custodial account for its pension plan for the year 2022 to ensure the accuracy and propriety of the transaction activity.

<u>Management's Response</u>: Municipal officials indicated they did not think the finding was fair due to the fact that PMRS is the one providing the statements.

<u>Auditor's Conclusion</u>: As aforementioned earlier in this report, the department's authority to audit every municipality which receives general municipal pension system state aid is derived from the Municipal Pension Plan Funding Standard and Recovery Act (Act 205 of 1984, as amended, 53 P.S. § 895.402(j)). The department does not have the authority to audit the plan custodians. And as indicated in the Criteria above, although the municipality may contract with a trustee to administer the financial management of the plan, the fiduciary responsibility for the plan remains with the municipality. It was noted that the plan custodian went through a substantial upgrade to the plan administration software and implemented a new accounting system. The modernization process, along with the COVID-19 pandemic, resulted in unforeseen delays in the year-end reporting process for financial statements and GASB 68 reports. The custodian expects 2022 financial reports to be distributed before the end of 2023. Compliance with the finding recommendation will be evaluated during our next audit of the plan.

SADSBURY TOWNSHIP POLICE PENSION PLAN POTENTIAL WITHHOLD OF STATE AID

Conditions such as those reported by Finding Nos. 1 and 2 contained in this audit report may lead to a total withholding of state aid in the future unless those findings are corrected. However, such action will not be considered if sufficient written documentation is provided to verify compliance with this department's recommendations. Such documentation should be submitted to: Department of the Auditor General, Bureau of Municipal Pension & Liquor Control Audits, 314 Finance Building, Harrisburg, PA 17120.

SADSBURY TOWNSHIP POLICE 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, 2019, is as follows:

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
			Unfunded	
		Actuarial	(Assets in	
		Accrued	Excess of)	
	Actuarial	Liability	Liability Actuarial	
Actuarial	Value of	(AAL) - Accrued		Funded
Valuation	Assets	Entry Age	Liability	Ratio
Date	(a)	(b)	(b) - (a)	(a)/(b)
01-01-19	\$ 19,206	\$ 43,132	\$ 23,926	44.5%
01-01-21	99,633	91,904	(7,729)	108.4%

The Department typically presents this data as of the plan's actuarial valuation dates for the past six consecutive fiscal years. Since six years of data was not yet available, this will be done prospectively.

SADSBURY TOWNSHIP POLICE PENSION PLAN SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION (UNAUDITED)

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.

SADSBURY TOWNSHIP POLICE PENSION PLAN SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION (UNAUDITED)

									Contributions
									as a
									Percentage of
	Ac	tuarially			Con	tribution	C	Covered-	Covered-
Year Ended	Det	termined	1	Actual	Det	ficiency	E	mployee	Employee
December 31	Cor	tribution	Con	tributions	(E	xcess)	F	Payroll*	Payrol1*
2018	\$	19,253	\$	19,253	\$	-			
2019		19,193		19,333		(140)	\$	193,096	10.01%
2020		19,270		19,350		(80)		253,811	7.62%
2021		21,443		21,463		(20)		276,420	7.76%
2022		22,708		-		22,708			

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SCHEDULE OF CONTRIBUTIONS

* This schedule is presented pursuant to the implementation of GASB Statement No. 67, *Financial Reporting for Pension Plans* by reporting entities responsible for administering the pension plan to improve financial reporting by state and local governmental pension plans. Due to the statement being implemented only recently, the amount of Covered-Employee Payroll was not provided prior to 2019. In addition, due to the timing of this audit, covered-employee payroll for 2022 was not provided in this schedule.

SADSBURY TOWNSHIP POLICE PENSION PLAN SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION NOTES TO SUPPLEMENTARY SCHEDULES (UNAUDITED)

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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