# LIMITED PROCEDURES ENGAGEMENT

# Whiteley Township Non-Uniformed Pension Plan

Greene County, Pennsylvania For the Period January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2017

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We conducted a Limited Procedures Engagement (LPE) of the Whiteley Township Non-Uniformed Pension Plan for the period January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2017 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 <u>et seq</u>.) 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. State aid allocations that were deposited into the pension plan for the years ended December 31, 2012 to December 31, 2017, 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, 2012 to December 31, 2017, 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 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, 2013, January 1, 2015, and January 1, 2017 actuarial valuation reports were prepared and submitted by March 31, 2014, 2016, and 2018, 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 Whiteley 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 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 Whiteley 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.

November 8, 2018

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#### WHITELEY TOWNSHIP NON-UNIFORMED PENSION PLAN SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION (UNAUDITED)

The supplementary information contained on Pages 1 and 2 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, 2015, AND 2016

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>
Total Pension Liability			
Service cost	\$ 28,284	\$ 19,592	\$ 17,985
Interest	37,584	29,553	36,589
Difference between expected and actual experience	-	8,480	1,050
Changes of assumptions	-	3,224	8,177
Benefit payments, including refunds of member contributions	 -	 (127,538)	 (26,730)
Net Change in Total Pension Liability	65,868	(66,689)	37,071
Total Pension Liability – Beginning	 672,674	 738,542	 671,853
Total Pension Liability – Ending (a)	\$ 738,542	\$ 671,853	\$ 708,924
Plan Fiduciary Net Position			
Contributions – employer*	\$ 18,940	\$ 15,727	\$ 14,334
Contributions – PMRS assessment	-	100	120
Contributions – employee	9,806	4,032	3,651
PMRS investment income	37,417	29,428	35,952
Market value investment income	(2,418)	(34,763)	18,690
Benefit payments, including refunds of member contributions	-	(127,538)	(26,730)
PMRS administrative expense	(120)	(120)	(120)
Additional administrative expense	(1,435)	(1,227)	(1,761)
Net Change in Plan Fiduciary Net Position	 62,190	 (114,361)	 44,136
Plan Fiduciary Net Position – Beginning	665,688	727,878	613,517
Plan Fiduciary Net Position – Ending (b)	\$ 727,878	\$ 613,517	\$ 657,653
Net Pension Liability – Ending (a-b)	\$ 10,664	\$ 58,336	\$ 51,271
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension			
Liability	98.56%	91.32%	92.77%
Estimated Covered Employee Payroll	\$ 184,783	\$ 155,601	\$ 143,339
Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of Covered Employee Payroll	5.77%	37.49%	35.77%

\* Employer contributions (2014) include contributions of \$342 for a prior year and \$20 expenses. Employer contributions (2015) exclude contributions of \$510 made in 2018 less \$100 of expenses.

#### WHITELEY TOWNSHIP NON-UNIFORMED PENSION PLAN SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION (UNAUDITED)

#### 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:

	1% Decrease (4.50%)	Current Discount Rate (5.50%)	1% Increase (6.50%)
Net Pension Liability – 12/31/14	\$ 158,373	\$ 10,664	\$ (137,044)
Net Pension Liability – 12/31/15	\$ 157,429	\$ 58,336	\$ (35,435)

The following presents the net pension liability of the township as of December 31, 2016, 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:

	Current		
	1% Decrease	Discount Rate	1% Increase
	(4.25%)	(5.25%)	(6.25%)
Net Pension Liability – 12/31/16	\$ 157,274	\$ 51,271	\$ (49,503)

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

Year Ended December 31	State Aid	Employer Contributions
2012	\$ 14,304	\$ 2,821
2013	15,537	2,223
2014	15,491	3,087
2015	15,683	456
2016	13,124	1,330
2017	13,765	1,211

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