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BACKGROUND

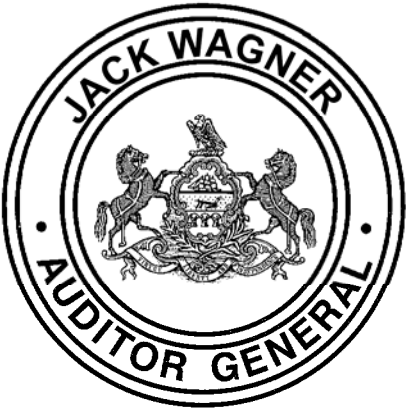
On December 18, 1984, the Pennsylvania Legislature adopted the Municipal Pension Plan Funding Standard and Recovery Act (P.L. 1005, No. 205, as amended, 53 P.S. § 895.101 et seq.). The act established mandatory actuarial reporting and funding requirements and a uniform basis for the distribution of state aid to Pennsylvania's public pension plans. Section 402(j) of Act 205 specifically requires the Auditor General, as deemed necessary, to make an audit of every municipality which receives general municipal pension system State aid and of every municipal pension plan and fund in which general municipal pension system State aid is deposited.

Pension plan aid is provided from a 2 percent foreign casualty insurance premium tax, a portion of the foreign 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 Apollo Borough Police Pension Plan is also governed by implementing regulations adopted by the Public Employee Retirement Commission 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 120 - Foreign Casualty Insurance Premium Tax Allocation Law, Act of May 12, 1943 (P.L. 259, No. 120), as amended, 72 P.S. § 2263.1 et seq.

The Apollo Borough Police Pension Plan is a single-employer pension plan operating pursuant to Act 120. The plan is also affected by the provisions of collective bargaining agreements between the borough and its police officers. Active members are not required to contribute to the plan. The municipality maintains a pension plan with no defined contributions and variable pension or retirement benefits provided, usually through discretionary purchases of insurance or annuity contracts.



The Honorable Mayor and Borough Council
Apollo Borough
Armstrong County
Apollo, PA 15613

We have conducted a compliance audit of the Apollo Borough Police Pension Plan for the period January 1, 2007, to December 31, 2009. The audit was conducted pursuant to authority derived from Section 402(j) of Act 205 and in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* applicable to performance audits issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform our audit to obtain sufficient, appropriate evidence to provide a reasonable basis for our conclusions based on our audit objectives. We believe that the evidence obtained provides a reasonable basis for our 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 audit 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. The borough has elected to purchase allocated insurance contracts to fund the pension benefits for plan members. Under an allocated funding arrangement, the insurer receives and retains consideration in exchange for a legally enforceable obligation to pay future benefits. In accordance with Statement No. 25 of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, allocated insurance contracts are excluded from the pension plan's assets. Consequently, the plan has no reportable assets.

Borough officials are responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal controls to provide reasonable assurance that the Apollo Borough Police Pension Plan is administered in compliance with applicable state laws, regulations, contracts, administrative procedures, and local ordinances and policies. In conducting our audit, we obtained an understanding of the borough's internal controls as they relate to the borough's compliance with those requirements and that we considered to be significant within the context of our audit objectives, and assessed whether those significant controls were properly designed and implemented. Additionally, we tested transactions, assessed official actions, performed analytical procedures and interviewed selected officials to the extent necessary to satisfy the audit objectives.

The results of our tests indicated that, in all significant respects, the Apollo Borough Police 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 and, accordingly, express no form of assurance on it.

The contents of this report were discussed with officials of Apollo Borough and, where appropriate, their responses have been included in the report.

April 23, 2010

JACK WAGNER
Auditor General

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STATUS OF PRIOR FINDING

Compliance With Prior Audit Recommendation

Apollo Borough has complied with the prior audit recommendation concerning the following:

- Failure To Deposit The Full Amount Of State Aid Into The Pension Plan

The municipality deposited \$1,216 of the remaining 2004 and 2005 state aid allocations into the police pension plan.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
(UNAUDITED)

SCHEDULE OF STATE AID
AND EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS

Year Ended December 31	State Aid Deposited	Employer Contributions
2004	None	None
2005	None	None
2006	\$ 4,587	None
2007	3,830	None
2008	5,905	None
2009	6,515	None

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REPORT DISTRIBUTION LIST

This report was initially distributed to the following:

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Ms. Lori Weig-Tamasy	Borough Manager

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