

DRUMORE TOWNSHIP NON-UNIFORMED PENSION PLAN

LANCASTER COUNTY

COMPLIANCE AUDIT REPORT

FOR THE PERIOD

JANUARY 1, 2010 TO DECEMBER 31, 2012

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We have conducted a compliance audit of the Drumore Township Non-Uniformed Pension Plan for the period January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2012. The audit was conducted pursuant to authority derived from Section 402(j) of Act 205 and in accordance with the standards applicable to performance audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* 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 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 findings 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. Our methodology addressed determinations about the following:

- Whether state aid was properly determined and deposited in accordance with Act 205 requirements. State aid allocations that were deposited into the pension plan for the years ended December 31, 2007 to December 31, 2012, are presented on the Summary of Deposited State Aid and Employer Contributions.
- Whether employer contributions are determined and deposited in accordance with the plan's governing document and applicable laws and regulations. Employer contributions that were deposited into the pension plan for the years ended December 31, 2007 to December 31, 2012, are presented on the Summary of Deposited State Aid and Employer Contributions.

- Whether employee contributions are required and, if so, are determined, deducted and deposited into the pension plan and are in accordance with the plan provisions and applicable laws and regulations.
- Whether benefit payments, if any, represent payments to all (and only) those entitled to receive them and are properly determined in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.
- Whether obligations for plan benefits are accurately determined in accordance with plan provisions and based on complete and accurate participant data; and whether actuarial valuation reports are prepared and submitted to the Public Employee Retirement Commission (PERC) in accordance with state law and 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.
- Whether the terms of the contractual agreement with the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System are in accordance with the plan's governing document, if separately stated, and applicable laws and regulations.

The Drumore Township Non-Uniformed 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 Comprehensive Annual 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 Drumore Township Non-Uniformed 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 township's internal controls as they relate to the township'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 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 tests indicated that, in all significant respects, the Drumore Township Non-Uniformed 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 finding further discussed later in this report:

Finding – Noncompliance With Prior Audit Recommendation – Failure To Properly Determine And Distribute Vested Pension Benefits

The contents of this report were discussed with officials of Drumore 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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December 31, 2013

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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</u> <u>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. 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.

Annual state aid allocations are provided from a 2 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 Drumore Township Non-Uniformed 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 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 Drumore Township Non-Uniformed Pension Plan is a single-employer cash balance pension plan locally controlled by the provisions of Ordinance No. 2012-02, adopted pursuant to Act 15. The plan was established April 1, 1976. Active members are not required to contribute to the plan. The municipality is required to contribute 8 percent of each member's compensation. As of December 31, 2012, the plan had 1 active member, 1 terminated member eligible for vested benefits in the future and no retirees receiving benefits.

DRUMORE TOWNSHIP NON-UNIFORMED PENSION PLAN STATUS OF PRIOR FINDINGS

Compliance With Prior Audit Recommendation

Drumore Township has complied with the prior audit recommendation concerning the following:

• <u>Receipt Of State Aid In Excess Of Pension Costs</u>

Township officials reimbursed \$1,376 to the Commonwealth for the overpayment of state aid.

Noncompliance With Prior Audit Recommendation

Drumore Township has not complied with the prior audit recommendation concerning the following as further discussed in the Finding and Recommendation section of this report:

• Failure To Properly Determine And Distribute Vested Pension Benefits

DRUMORE TOWNSHIP NON-UNIFORMED PENSION PLAN FINDING AND RECOMMENDATION

<u>Finding – Noncompliance With Prior Audit Recommendation – Failure To Properly</u> <u>Determine And Distribute Vested Pension Benefits</u>

<u>Condition</u>: As disclosed in the prior audit report, the township failed to properly determine and distribute a vested benefit for an employee who terminated in 2008 with one year of credited service in accordance with the plan's governing document.

Criteria: Resolution No. 93-01 at Section 6.b states, in part:

In the event a participant's employment is terminated for any reason other than 65th birthday, death or disability, the terminated participant shall be entitled to 100% of his account balance if the participant has completed four years of service with the Township, otherwise, such percentage shall be based upon the following schedule:

Year Of Service	Percentage
0	0
1	25%
2	50%
3	75%
4 or more	100%

Therefore, pursuant to the above schedule, the terminated employee was entitled to a distribution in the amount of 25 percent of his account balance, or approximately \$416. The remaining 75 percent was forfeited in accordance with the plan's governing document.

<u>Cause</u>: The township failed to properly address the matter with PMRS to ensure the former employee received the appropriate benefit payment.

<u>Effect</u>: A terminated vested plan member is being denied benefits to which he is entitled in accordance with the plan's governing document.

<u>Recommendation</u>: We again recommend that the township review the situation with PMRS to determine the amount that should be distributed to the terminated vested member. A copy of the final determination and distribution of benefits to this member should be maintained on file for examination during our next audit of the pension plan.

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

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

Year Ended December 31	State Aid	Employer Contributions
2007	\$ 2,986	\$ 2,014
2008	2,500	None
2009	2,910	None
2010	2,890	74
2011	2,944	108
2012	3,012	42

Note: In 2009, the township met the plan's funding requirement through the deposit of \$2,910 in state aid and terminated employee forfeitures in the amount of \$1,248.

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