

**LATIMORE TOWNSHIP - YORK SPRINGS BOROUGH REGIONAL  
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**ADAMS COUNTY**

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## BACKGROUND

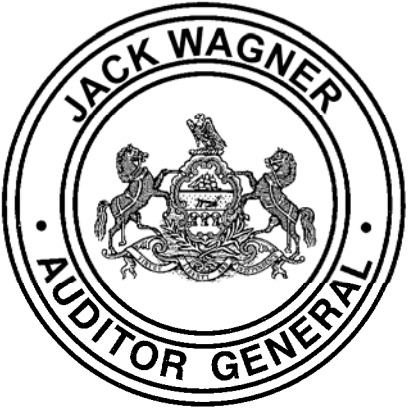
On December 18, 1984, the Pennsylvania Legislature adopted the Municipal Pension Plan Funding Standard and Recovery Act (P.L. 1005, No. 205, as amended, 53 P.S. § 895.101 et seq.). The act established mandatory actuarial reporting and funding requirements and a uniform basis for the distribution of state 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 Latimore Township - York Springs Borough Regional 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 600 - Police Pension Fund Act, Act of May 29, 1956 (P.L. 1804, No. 600), as amended, 53 P.S. § 761 et seq.

The Latimore Township - York Springs Borough Regional Police Pension Plan was a single-employer defined benefit pension plan locally controlled by the provisions of Ordinance No. 1981-2, as amended, adopted pursuant to Act 600. The plan was also affected by the provisions of collective bargaining agreements between the regional police commission and its police officers.



Board of Township Supervisors  
Latimore Township  
Adams County  
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We have conducted a compliance audit of the Latimore Township - York Springs Borough Regional Police Pension Plan for the period January 1, 2006, to June 30, 2007. 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.

Municipal officials are responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal controls to provide reasonable assurance that the Latimore Township - York Springs Borough Regional 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 regional police commission's internal controls as they relate to the regional police commission'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 Latimore Township - York Springs Borough Regional 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 Latimore Township and, where appropriate, their responses have been included in the report.

September 8, 2009

JACK WAGNER  
Auditor General

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STATUS OF PRIOR FINDING

Status Of Prior Audit Recommendation

· Restated Plan Document Not Adopted By Ordinance

The Latimore Township - York Springs Borough Regional Police Pension Plan was disbanded through the adoption of Ordinance No. 07-04.

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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, except for distressed pension plans, for which annual reporting was required through January 1, 2003. The historical information, beginning as of January 1, 2003, is as follows:

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Actuarial Valuation Date	Actuarial Value of Assets (a)	Actuarial Accrued Liability (AAL) - Entry Age (b)	Unfunded (Assets in Excess of) Actuarial Accrued Liability (b) - (a)	Funded Ratio (a)/(b)	Covered Payroll (c)	Unfunded (Assets in Excess of) Actuarial Accrued Liability as a % of Payroll [(b-a)/(c)]
01-01-03	\$ 441,215	\$ 509,391	\$ 68,176	86.6%	\$ 70,113	97.2%
01-01-05	524,782	512,444	(12,338)	102.4%	72,814	(16.9%)
01-01-07	537,435	519,300	(18,135)	103.5%	42,911	(42.3%)

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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.

Trends in unfunded (assets in excess of) actuarial accrued liability and annual covered payroll are both affected by inflation. Expressing the unfunded (assets in excess of) actuarial accrued liability as a percentage of annual covered payroll (Column 6) approximately adjusts for the effects of inflation and aids analysis of the plan's progress made in accumulating sufficient assets to pay benefits when due. Generally, where there is an unfunded actuarial accrued liability, the smaller this percentage, the stronger the plan. However, when assets are in excess of the actuarial accrued liability, the higher the bracketed percentage, the stronger the plan.

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SCHEDULE OF CONTRIBUTIONS FROM EMPLOYER  
AND OTHER CONTRIBUTING ENTITIES

Year Ended December 31	Annual Required Contribution	Percentage Contributed
2003	\$ 38,816	100.0%
2004	28,514	100.0%
2005	28,598	100.1%
2006	14,598	100.0%

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NOTES TO SUPPLEMENTARY SCHEDULES  
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The information presented in the required supplementary schedules was determined as part of the actuarial valuation at the date indicated. Additional information as of the latest actuarial valuation date follows:

Actuarial valuation date	January 1, 2007
Actuarial cost method	Entry age normal
Amortization method	N/A
Remaining amortization period	N/A
Asset valuation method	Contract value
Actuarial assumptions:	
Investment rate of return *	6.25%
Projected salary increases *	4.5%
* Includes inflation at	Not disclosed
Cost-of-living adjustments	None assumed

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COMMENTS

On July 1, 2006, Latimore Township and York Springs Borough resolved to terminate the intergovernmental cooperative agreement which established the Latimore Township - York Springs Borough Regional Police department effective June 30, 2007. The Latimore Township - York Springs Borough Regional Police Pension Plan was terminated through the adoption of Ordinance No. 2007-04, dated July 17, 2007. The assets of the Latimore Township - York Springs Borough Regional Police Pension Plan were transferred to the Latimore Township Police Pension Plan on July 1, 2007.

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This report was initially distributed to the following:

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Mr. Daniel T. Worely      Chairman, Latimore Township Board of Supervisors  
Ms. Valena Garlin      Secretary

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