

LIMITED PROCEDURES ENGAGEMENT

Crafton Borough Police Pension Plan Allegheny County, Pennsylvania For the Period January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2015

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The Honorable Mayor and Borough Council
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We conducted a Limited Procedures Engagement (LPE) of the Crafton Borough Police Pension Plan for the period January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2015 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 et seq.) 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 municipal officials took appropriate corrective action to address the finding contained in our prior audit report, by inquiring of plan officials and evaluating supporting documentation provided by officials evidencing that the suggested corrective action has been appropriately taken.
- × 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.
- × 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.

- × Whether annual employee contributions were required during the engagement period and, if so, were calculated, deducted, and deposited into the pension plan in accordance with the plan's governing document and applicable laws and regulations by testing members' contributions on an annual basis using the rates obtained from the plan's governing document in effect for all years within the engagement period and examining documents evidencing the deposit of these employee contributions into the pension plan.
- × 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, 2011, January 1, 2013 and January 1, 2015 actuarial valuation reports were prepared and submitted to the Public Employee Retirement Commission (PERC) by March 31, 2012, 2014 and 2016, 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.
- × Whether all annual special ad hoc postretirement reimbursements received by the municipality were authorized and appropriately deposited in accordance with Act 147 by tracing information to supporting documentation maintained by plan officials.

Based on the results of our procedures performed during our LPE, nothing came to our attention indicating that the Crafton Borough Police Pension Plan was not being 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 subsequent to this letter:

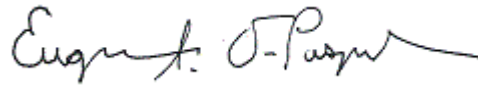
Finding – Noncompliance With Prior Audit Recommendation – Incorrect Data On
Certification Form AG 385 Resulting In An Overpayment Of State Aid

The finding contained in this LPE results letter repeats a condition that was cited in our previous audit report that has not been corrected by borough officials. We are concerned by the borough's failure to correct this previously reported audit finding and strongly encourage timely implementation of the recommendation noted in this letter.

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 borough 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 letter were discussed with officials of Crafton Borough and, where appropriate, their responses have been included in this letter. We would like to thank borough officials for the cooperation extended to us during the conduct of this LPE.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eugene A. DePasquale". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

EUGENE A. DEPASQUALE
Auditor General

May 2, 2016

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CRAFTON BOROUGH POLICE PENSION PLAN
STATUS OF PRIOR FINDING

Noncompliance With Prior Audit Recommendation

Crafton Borough has not complied with the prior audit recommendation concerning the following as further discussed in the Finding and Recommendation section of this letter:

- Incorrect Data On Certification Form AG 385 Resulting In An Underpayment Of State Aid

Municipal officials failed to comply with the recommendation in the prior audit report to establish adequate internal control procedures to ensure compliance with the instructions that accompany Certification Form AG 385 to assist them in accurately reporting the required pension data, as further discussed in the Finding and Recommendation section of this report.

CRAFTON BOROUGH POLICE PENSION PLAN
FINDING AND RECOMMENDATION

Finding – Noncompliance With Prior Audit Recommendation – Incorrect Data On Certification Form AG 385 Resulting In An Overpayment Of State Aid

Condition: As disclosed in the prior audit report, the borough failed to establish adequate internal control procedures to ensure compliance with the instructions that accompanied Certification Form AG 385, resulting in an underpayment of state aid in 2010. During the current engagement period, the borough certified 1 ineligible non-uniformed employee (1 unit) on the Certification Form AG 385 filed in 2014 and certified 1 ineligible police officer (2 units) on the Certification Form AG 385 filed in 2015. The data contained on these certification forms is based on prior calendar year information.

Criteria: Pursuant to Act 205, at Section 402(e)(2), in order to be eligible for certification, an employee must have been employed on a full-time basis for at least six consecutive months and must have been participating in a pension plan during the certification year.

Cause: Plan officials failed to establish adequate internal control procedures to ensure the accuracy of the data certified and to ensure compliance with the prior audit recommendation.

Effect: The data submitted on these certification forms is used, in part, to calculate the state aid due to the municipality for distribution to its pension plans. Because the borough’s state aid allocations were based on unit value, the incorrect certification of pension data affected the borough’s state aid allocations, as identified below:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Type Of Plan</u>	<u>Units Overstated</u>	<u>Unit Value</u>	<u>State Aid Overpayment</u>
2014	Non-Uniformed	1	\$ 3,873	\$ 3,873
2015	Police	2	\$ 3,921	\$ 7,842
Total Overpayment of State Aid				<u>\$ 11,715</u>

In addition, the borough used the overpayment of state aid to pay the minimum municipal obligation (MMO) due to the pension plans in 2014; therefore, if the overpayment of state aid received in 2014 is made from the pension plans, the plans’ 2014 MMOs may not be fully paid.

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

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FINDING AND RECOMMENDATION

Finding – Continued

Recommendation: We recommend that the total excess state aid, in the amount of \$11,715, be returned to the Commonwealth. A check in this amount, with interest compounded annually from date of receipt to date of repayment, at a rate earned by the pension plan, should be made payable to: Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and mailed to: Department of the Auditor General, Municipal Pension & Fire Relief Programs Unit, 320 Finance Building, Harrisburg, PA 17120. A copy of the interest calculation must be submitted along with the check.

We also recommend that in the future, plan officials establish adequate internal control procedures, such as having at least 2 people review the data certified, to ensure compliance with the instructions that accompany Certification Form AG 385 to assist them in accurately reporting the required pension data.

In addition, if the overpayment of state aid for 2014 is reimbursed from a pension plan, we recommend that any resulting MMO deficiency be paid to the pension plan with interest, at a rate earned by the pension plan.

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

Auditor's Conclusion: Compliance will be monitored subsequent to the release of the engagement and during our next engagement of the plan.

CRAFTON BOROUGH POLICE PENSION PLAN
POTENTIAL WITHHOLDING OF STATE AID

The finding contained in this letter cites an overpayment of state aid to the borough in the amount of \$11,715. A condition of a finding of this nature may lead to a total withholding of state aid in the future unless the finding is corrected. A check in this amount with interest, at a rate earned by the pension plan, should be made payable to: Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and mailed to: Department of the Auditor General, Municipal Pension & Fire Relief Programs Unit, 320 Finance Building, Harrisburg, PA 17120.

CRAFTON BOROUGH 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, 2011, is as follows:

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
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)
01-01-11	\$ 2,777,051	\$ 2,876,592	\$ 99,541	96.5%
01-01-13	3,245,127	2,977,150	(267,977)	109.0%
01-01-15	3,967,669	3,167,954	(799,715)	125.2%

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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.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
(UNAUDITED)

SCHEDULE OF CONTRIBUTIONS FROM EMPLOYER
AND OTHER CONTRIBUTING ENTITIES

Year Ended December 31	Annual Required Contribution	Percentage Contributed
2010	\$ 114,163	105.7%
2011	178,436	100.0%
2012	165,008	100.0%
2013	76,741	100.0%
2014	79,900	100.0%
2015	40,773	242.1%

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
NOTES TO SUPPLEMENTARY SCHEDULES
(UNAUDITED)

The information presented in the 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, 2015
Actuarial cost method	Entry age normal
Amortization method	N/A
Remaining amortization period	N/A
Asset valuation method	Fair value
Actuarial assumptions:	
Investment rate of return *	7.5%
Projected salary increases	5.0%

* Includes inflation at 3.0%

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This letter was initially distributed to the following:

The Honorable Tom W. Wolf
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