Board of Supervisors Solebury Township Solebury, Pennsylvania

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Solebury Township for the year ended December 31, 2017, and have issued our report thereon dated April 20, 2018. We have previously communicated to you information about our responsibilities under auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of our audit. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

# Significant audit findings

# Qualitative aspects of accounting practices

## Accounting policies

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by Solebury Township are described in Note 1 to the financial statements.

We noted no transactions entered into by the entity during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. All significant transactions have been recognized in the financial statements in the proper period.

### Accounting estimates

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected. The most sensitive estimates affecting the financial statements were:

- Management's estimate of depreciation expense is based on appropriate depreciation methods determined by management over the estimated useful lives of the assets. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the estimate in determining that it is reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.
- Management's estimate of the fair value of investments is based on market prices established for the various investment securities held. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the fair value of investments in determining that it is reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.
- Management's estimate of pension liabilities and costs are based on actuarial assumptions and calculations performed by third parties. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the estimate of pension liabilities and costs, as well as the qualifications of the actuaries, in determining that it is reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.



### Financial statement disclosures

Certain financial statement disclosures are particularly sensitive because of their significance to financial statement users. The most sensitive disclosure affecting the financial statements was:

• The disclosures related to the Township's Pension Plans in Note 7, 8 and 9 to the financial statements rely heavily on actuarial assumptions used to measure liabilities and costs. The benefit obligations are reported based on certain assumptions pertaining to interest rates and employee demographics, all of which are subject to change. Due to uncertainties inherent in the estimations and assumptions used to measure liabilities and costs, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in these estimates and assumptions in the near term would be material.

The financial statement disclosures are neutral, consistent, and clear.

## Difficulties encountered in performing the audit

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit.

#### Uncorrected misstatements

Professional standards require us to accumulate all misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are clearly trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. Management has corrected all such misstatements.

#### Corrected misstatements

The following material misstatements detected as a result of audit procedures were corrected by management:

• During our testing of accounts payable, two items were noted as 2018 transactions that should have been recorded in 2017. The transactions totaled \$22,261, with \$19,594 in the General Fund and \$2,667 in the Capital Equipment Fund.

#### Disagreements with management

For purposes of this letter, a disagreement with management is a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditors' report. No such disagreements arose during our audit.

#### Management representations

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated April 20, 2018.

#### Management consultations with other independent accountants

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a "second opinion" on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to the entity's financial statements or a determination of the type of auditors' opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

## Significant issues discussed with management prior to engagement

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to engagement as the entity's auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our engagement.

# Other audit findings or issues

We have provided a separate letter to you dated April 20, 2018, communicating internal control related matters identified during the audit.

## Other information in documents containing audited financial statements

With respect to the required supplementary information (RSI) accompanying the financial statements, we made certain inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the RSI, including whether the RSI has been measured and presented in accordance with prescribed guidelines, whether the methods of measurement and preparation have been changed from the prior period and the reasons for any such changes, and whether there were any significant assumptions or interpretations underlying the measurement or presentation of the RSI. We compared the RSI for consistency with management's responses to the foregoing inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge obtained during the audit of the basic financial statements. Because these limited procedures do not provide sufficient evidence, we did not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the RSI.

With respect to the combining nonmajor fund financial statements and other schedules (collectively, the supplementary information) accompanying the financial statements, on which we were engaged to report in relation to the financial statements as a whole, we made certain inquiries of management and evaluated the form, content, and methods of preparing the information to determine that the information complies with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the method of preparing it has not changed from the prior period or the reasons for such changes, and the information is appropriate and complete in relation to our audit of the financial statements. We compared and reconciled the supplementary information to the underlying accounting records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves. We have issued our report thereon dated April 20, 2018.

Our auditors' opinion, the audited financial statements, and the notes to financial statements should only be used in their entirety. Inclusion of the audited financial statements in a document you prepare, such as an annual report, should be done only with our prior approval and review of the document.

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This communication is intended solely for the information and use of the Board of Supervisors and management of Solebury Township and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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Plymouth Meeting, Pennsylvania April 20, 2018

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