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[HISTORY: Adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Scott: Art. I, 3-8-1994 as Ord. No. 2-1994; Art. II, 3-8-1994 as Ord. No. 3-1994. Amendments noted where applicable.]

ARTICLE I
Police Pensions
[Adopted 3-8-1994 as Ord. No. 2-1994]

§ 27-1. Enrollment in state system.

Scott Township hereby elects to enroll its police officers in the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System, as authorized by the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement Law, Act 15 of 1974, as amended,¹ with the express purpose of having the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System administer the retirement plan established by the township for its police officers. The township does hereby agree to be bound by all the requirements and provisions of said law and to assume all obligations, financial and otherwise, placed upon member municipalities. All references hereafter shall be based on benefits negotiated between the Board and the municipality under the provisions of Article IV of the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement Law.

¹ Editor's Note: See 53 P.S. § 881.101 et seq.

§ 27-2. Membership.

Membership in the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System shall be mandatory for all full-time police officers of the township. Membership for elected officials and employees hired on a temporary or seasonal basis is prohibited, as is membership for individuals paid only on a fee basis.

§ 27-3. Credit for prior service.

Credit for prior service for original employees is granted for each year or partial year thereof that the member was employed by the township from the original date of hire. Benefits provided to members in the agreement dated March 8, 1994, shall accrue based on all credited service granted and earned in accordance with this section.

§ 27-4. Payment of obligations.

Payment for any obligation established by the adoption of this Article and the agreement between the system and Scott Township shall be made by the township in accordance with the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement Law and Act 205 of 1984, the Municipal Pension Plan Funding Standard and Recovery Act.²

§ 27-5. Agreement between township and commonwealth.

As part of this Article, the township agrees that the system shall provide the benefits set forth in the agreement between the Board and Scott township, dated March 8, 1994.³ The passage and adoption of this Article by Scott Township is an official acceptance of said agreement and the financial obligations resulting from the administration of said benefit package. Scott Township hereby assumes all liability for any unfundedness created due to the acceptance of the benefit structure outlined in the above-referenced agreement.

§ 27-6. Termination of prior pension program.

By adoption of this Article, the township agrees to terminate, upon the effective date of membership in the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System, any previously maintained municipal pension program applicable to those employees identified as members in § 27-2 and to transfer any assets from any existing plan to offset the established liability. Scott Township also acknowledges that an affirmative vote representing at least seventy-five percent (75%) of the plan members indicated the members were in agreement with the establishment of the plan with the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System.

² Editor's Note: See 53 P.S. § 881.101 et seq. and 53 P.S. § 895.101 et seq., respectively.

³ Editor's Note: A copy of said agreement is on file in the Administrative Offices of the township.

§ 27-7. Copy of plan and agreement on file; effective date of membership.

A duly certified copy of this Article and the referenced agreement shall be filed with the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Membership for the police pension plan of Scott Township in the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System shall be effective the first day of January 1994.

ARTICLE II

**Nonuniformed Employee Pensions
[Adopted 3-8-1994 as Ord. No. 3-1994]****§ 27-8. Enrollment in state system.**

Scott Township hereby elects to enroll its municipal employees in the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System, as authorized by the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement Law, Act 15, of 1974, as amended,⁴ with the express purpose of having the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System administer the retirement plan established by the township for the municipal employees. The township does hereby agree to be bound by all the requirements and provisions of said law and to assume all obligations, financial and otherwise, placed upon member municipalities. All references hereafter shall be based on benefits negotiated between the Board and the municipality under the provisions of Article IV of the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement Law.

§ 27-9. Membership.

Membership in the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System shall be mandatory for all permanent municipal employees of the township. Membership for elected officials and employees hired on a temporary or seasonal basis is prohibited, as is membership for individuals paid only on a fee basis.

§ 27-10. Credit for prior service.

Credit for prior service for original employees is granted for each year or partial year thereof that the member was employed by the township from the original date of hire. Benefits provided to members in the agreement dated March 8, 1994, shall accrue based on all credited service granted and earned in accordance with this section.

§ 27-11. Payment of obligations.

Payment for any obligation established by the adoption of this Article and the agreement between the system and Scott Township shall be made by the township in accordance with the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement Law and Act 205 of 1984, the Municipal Pension Plan Funding Standard and Recovery Act.⁵

⁴ Editor's Note: See 53 P.S. § 881.101 et seq.

⁵ Editor's Note: See 53 P.S. § 881.101 et seq. and 53 P.S. § 895.101 et seq., respectively.

§ 27-12. Agreement between township and commonwealth.

As part of this Article, the township agrees that the system shall provide the benefits set forth in the agreement between the Board and Scott Township, dated March 8, 1994.⁶ The passage and adoption of this Article by Scott Township is an official acceptance of said agreement and the financial obligations resulting from the administration of said benefit package. Scott Township hereby assumes all liability for any unfundedness created due to the acceptance of the benefit structure outlined in the above-referenced agreement.

§ 27-13. Termination of prior pension program.

By adoption of this Article, the township agrees to terminate, upon the effective date of membership in the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System, any previously maintained municipal pension program applicable to those employees identified as members in § 27-9 and to transfer any assets from any existing plan to offset the established liability. Scott Township also acknowledges that an affirmative vote representing at least seventy-five percent (75%) of the plan members indicated the members were in agreement with the establishment of the plan with the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System.

§ 27-14. Copy of plan and agreement on file; effective date of membership.

A duly certified copy of this Article and the referenced agreement shall be filed with the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Membership for the municipal pension plan of Scott Township in the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System shall be effective the first day of January 1994.

⁶ Editor's Note: A copy of said agreement is on file in the Administrative Offices of the township.