MINUTES OF MEETING
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE FIREFIGHTERS’ PENSION FUND
OF AURORA, ILLINOIS HELD ON
JANUARY 10, 2019

PRESENT:    Toby Gill - Trustee/Active President
Hal Carlson - Trustee/Retired/Vice President
Chief Gary Krienitz - Trustee/Appointed/Secretary
Martin Lyons - Trustee/Appointed/Treasurer

ALSO Charles Atwell, Jr. - Attorney for Firefighters’ Pension Fund
PRESENT: Janet Hayden - County Court Reporters
Thomas Duda - Attorney for Mr. Peter Bray

President Gill moved to open the Firefighters’ Pension Fund Board regular meeting at 10:22 a.m. on January 10, 2019.

1) Approval of Minutes: August 20, 2018 Special Meeting and October 11, 2018 Regular Meeting

Trustee Carlson moved to accept the August 20, 2018 special meeting and the October 11, 2018 regular meeting minutes, seconded by Treasurer Lyons. The motion was unanimously approved by a roll call vote.

Trustee Carlson motioned to move up the discussion of item number 6, seconded by Treasurer Lyons. The motion was unanimously approved by a roll call vote. See discussion below.

2) Annual Release or Retention of Executive Session Minutes

Treasurer Lyons moved to retain the executive session minutes, seconded by Trustee Carlson. The motion was unanimously approved by a roll call vote.

3) Quarterly Treasurer’s Report
   • Annual 3% Payroll Adjustments effective January 2019. Treasurer Lyons stated that the information was not available for the meeting packets and recommended that the adjustments be approved at the next meeting. Trustee Carlson moved to table this item to the April meeting, seconded by Treasurer Lyons. The motion was unanimously approved by a roll call vote.
   • Conversion of non-duty disability pension to retirement pension – Dwayne Love. Treasurer Lyons stated that Mr. Love is requesting to convert from a disability pension to a regular pension. Trustee Carlson moved to accept the pension calculation included in the meeting packet, as prepared by the Board Treasurer for Mr. Love. The motion was seconded by Treasurer Lyons and unanimously approved by a roll call vote.
Refund of pension contributions – Kevin Leverence, resigned January 25, 2018. Treasurer Lyons stated that Mr. Leverence terminated his employment and is requesting a refund of his contributions. Trustee Carlson moved to approve the refund as indicated in the calculation prepared by the board treasurer. The motion was seconded by President Gill and unanimously approved by a roll call vote.

4) Annual Physical for Disability Pensioners Under the Age of 50 - Jerry Knizek, age 48

Discussion ensued regarding the status of Mr. Knizek’s annual physical. Trustee Carlson moved to table this item to the next meeting, seconded by President Gill. The motion was unanimously approved by a roll call vote.

5) Annual Review of State Statutes:
   - 40 ILCS 5/1-109 (Duties of Fiduciaries)
   - 40 ILCS 5/1-113.1 (Investment Authority)
   - 40 ILCS 5/1-125 (Prohibition of Gifts)

This item is informational. The statutes were provided in the meeting packets for the members to review.

6) Approval of Peter Bray’s Line of Duty Disability Pension Benefit, Effective Date of Said Benefit, and Approval of Lump-Sum Retroactive Payment

Attorney Atwell stated that the items remaining are the retroactive benefit and the PEDA benefits. He asked Attorney Duda if he would accept the service of the decision and order even though state statute requires a certified return receipt by mail, to which Attorney Duda accepted the service of the document at this meeting on January 10, 2019.

Treasurer Lyons handed out a standard calculation sheet for Mr. Bray; however, the numbers represented are still not final until the Local 99 union contract is approved. Like any other fire pensioner, Mr. Bray will be entitled to retroactive pay as a result of the negotiated union contract. The second handout was a worksheet to re-establish the pension amount as of June 1st when the original pension amount was granted. For the purpose of the retro calculation, the start date for the pension benefit is August 11, 2017. Mr. Bray’s first partial month was calculated at $3,985.26, September through December 2017 the amount is $23,532, and January through May 31, 2018 is $29,415. The total retroactive amount going back to August 11, 2017 is $56,932.26. Attorney Atwell stated that the board retains jurisdiction based on the date.

Treasurer Lyons then moved to accept the calculations, as indicated in his memorandum, for a total amount of $56,932.26 that represents the retroactive payment to Firefighter Bray beginning August 11, 2017. The motion was seconded by Trustee Carlson and unanimously approved by roll call vote.

7) Upcoming Election - Retired Trustee Hal Carlson, term expires April, 2019

President Gill stated that Trustee Carlson’s term expires in April. The pension board clerk will prepare and send out the election documents.

8) Approval of Expenses for the Quarter Ended December 31, 2018. Trustee Carlson moved to approve the expenses for the quarter ended December 31, 2018 in the amount of $3,514,077.79 as presented in the expense report. The motion was seconded by Treasurer Lyons and unanimously approved by a roll call vote.
9) Public Comment: three (3) minutes per person. There were no comments from the public.

Trustee Carlson moved to adjourn the Firefighters’ Pension Fund regular meeting, seconded by Treasurer Lyons. The motion was unanimously approved by a roll call vote.

It is noted that the details of the January 10, 2019 meeting as set forth in reporter proceedings by Janet Hayden of County Court Reporters, Inc. are hereby encompassed and made a part of these minutes.

Respectfully submitted,

Chief Gary Krienitz
Secretary
Aurora Firefighters’ Pension Fund

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