



Aurora Fire Department

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Gary Krienitz
Fire Chief

**MINUTES OF MEETING
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE FIREFIGHTERS' PENSION FUND
OF AURORA, ILLINOIS HELD ON
APRIL 9, 2020**

PRESENT:	Todd McChurch	-	Trustee/Active/President
	Toby Gill	-	Trustee/Active/Vice-President
	Chief Gary Krienitz	-	Trustee/Appointed/Secretary
	Matthew Anslow	-	Trustee/Retiree/Assistant Secretary
	Martin Lyons	-	Trustee/Appointed/Treasurer
ALSO	Charles Atwell, Jr.	-	Attorney for Firefighters' Pension Fund
PRESENT:	Silvia Cisneros	-	Board Clerk
	Bob Dunn	-	Foreign Fire Insurance Tax Board President

Due to the governor's mandate for shelter in place, all of the members present participated via telecommunication.

President McChurch opened the Firefighters' Pension Fund Board regular meeting at 10:00 a.m. on April 9, 2020.

- 1) Approval of Minutes – January 10, 2020 Regular Meeting. Chief Krienitz moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on January 10, 2020, seconded by Trustee Gill. The motion was unanimously approved by a roll call vote.
- 2) Quarterly Treasurer's Report:
 - a) Pension applications
 - Roman Azua, effective February 13, 2020
 - John Gilbert, effective May 9, 2020
 - Timothy P. Schomer, effective February 22, 2020
 - John Hopkins, effective April 16, 2020
 - Joseph Franzen, effective April 5, 2020
 - Daniel Kveton, effective April 29, 2020

Treasurer Lyons stated that Roman Azua has 24 years of service for a 60% service pension and he is eligible for a 3% increase March 1, 2021. John Gilbert has 30 years 9 months of service for a 75% service pension and he is eligible for a 4.25% increase November 1, 2022.

Timothy Schomer has 28 years 7 months of service for a 71.46% service pension and he is eligible for a 3% increase March 1, 2021. John Hopkins has 28 years 9 months of service for a 71.8747% service pension and is eligible for a 3% increase May 1, 2021. Joseph Franzen has 32 years 9 months of service for a 75% service pension and he is eligible for a 3% increase January 1, 2021. Daniel Kveton has 22 years 7 months of service for a 56.4583% service pension and he is eligible for a 7.5% increase November 1, 2022. Treasurer Lyons moved to approve the pensions per the pension calculation sheets provided in the meeting packets. The motion was seconded by Chief Krienitz and unanimously approved by a roll call vote.

b) Military Buy-Back & Reciprocity Requests:

- Craig Meseko, Plainfield Reciprocity. Treasurer Lyons stated that Lauterbach & Amen provided a letter confirming the remittance of all monies due to Plainfield. He then moved to approve Mr. Meseko's transfer of service credit per the pension calculation provided in the meeting packets. The motion was seconded by Trustee Gill and unanimously approved by a roll call vote.
- Jon Bonior, Chicago (HB2502). President McChurch stated that he spoke to Mr. Bonior and he has decided not to pursue the transfer of service credit.

c) Treasurer's correspondence to the estate of Alice Kramp regarding the final survivor's pension benefit. Treasurer Lyons stated that the survivor's pension payment went out before the payroll office was aware of Mrs. Kramp's passing. There are no other relatives eligible for benefits. Treasurer Lyons moved to approve the retroactive billing of the overpayment, seconded by Trustee Gill. The motion was unanimously approved by a roll call vote.

d) Fiduciary Liability Insurance Renewal Application. Treasurer Lyons stated that the Fiduciary Liability Insurance policy expires in April. The policy increased from \$8,007 to \$8,095. Treasurer Lyons moved to approve the renewal of the application, seconded by Chief Krienitz. The motion was unanimously approved by a roll call vote.

President McChurch moved to approve the quarterly Treasurer's report, seconded by Trustee Gill. The motion was unanimously approved by a roll call vote.

3) Annual Physicals for Disability Pensioners Under Age 50:

- Jerry Knizek. Ms. Cisneros stated that a certified letter was sent to Mr. Knizek on January 28, 2020 requesting that he provide a letter from his physician indicating the status of his disability. To date Mr. Knizek has not responded. The board requested that the Board Clerk follow up with a letter to Mr. Knizek reminding him of the requirement to provide the requested information.
- Peter Bray. Discussion ensued regarding the statute allowing the board to discontinue further medical examinations if the pensioner provides medical reports from two physicians indicating that the physicians do not believe there will be a change in the disability status. Attorney Atwell stated that Mr. Bray provided medical reports from Dr. Geoffrey Shaw and Dr. Robert Reff, both of which indicate the unlikelihood of Mr. Bray being able to return to work. Trustee Gill moved to discontinue further disability status medical examinations, based upon the two medical reports provided and the allowance of the statute. The motion was seconded by Chief Krienitz and unanimously approved by a roll call vote.

- 4) Upcoming Election: Todd McChurch's term expires April 2020. Chief Krienitz stated that the notice of election was sent to the active members. Only Todd McChurch submitted a candidate form and statement but the nomination deadline ends on April 10th. Attorney Atwell indicated that even though there is only one candidate, the election would still be necessary because there could be write-in candidates on the ballots. This item was tabled to the July meeting.
- 5) Appointment of FOIA Officer and Open Meetings Act Officer. Chief Krienitz moved to appoint Treasurer Lyons as the FOIA Officer and the Open Meetings Act Officer, seconded by Trustee Gill. The motion was unanimously approved by a roll call vote.
- 6) Approval of expenses for the quarter ended March 31, 2020. Treasurer Lyons moved to approve the expenses through March 31, 2020 in the amount of \$3,890,134.47, seconded by Trustee Gill. The motion was unanimously approved by a roll call vote.
- 7) Public Comment: three (3) minutes per person. Robert Dunn suggested a more thorough notification process for the teleconference meeting. The board apologized to Mr. Dunn for the confusion. A notice on the Boards & Commissions calendar indicated that the meeting was cancelled; however, the meeting date was listed on the Firefighters' Pension Fund Board's webpage. The error was corrected on the webpage.

Chairman McChurch asked about the status of Timothy Schomer's disability application. Attorney Atwell stated that he sent a Consent and Medical Authorization to Attorney Duda for Mr. Schomer's medical records. He has not heard back from Attorney Duda. In regards to the disability hearing and in light of the governor's executive order, the courts have continued all hearings until further notice.

Trustee Gill moved to adjourn the regular meeting of the Firefighters' Pension Fund Board of Trustees at 10:46 a.m., seconded by Chief Krienitz. The motion was unanimously approved.

It is noted that the details of the April 9, 2020 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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