President Gill moved to open the Firefighters’ Pension Fund Board regular meeting at 10:34 a.m. on July 26, 2019.

1) Active Trustee Election Results. President Gill stated that there was not a retired pensioner wanting to fill the retired trustee position. As a result, an active trustee election was held on April 15, 2019 with the following results: Matthew Anslow - 49 votes, Doolin Galloway - 12 votes, Peter Doyle - 1 vote, Michael Donato - 1 vote, and there was 1 spoiled ballot. Matthew Anslow will fill the retired trustee position. His term expires in April 2022. Treasurer Lyons moved to approve the results of the election, seconded by Trustee McChurch. The motion was unanimously approved.

2) Annual Election of Officers:

- President: Trustee Anslow moved to appoint Trustee McChurch for the position of Board President, seconded by Trustee Gill. The motion was unanimously approved.
- Vice-President: Trustee McChurch moved to appoint Trustee Gill to the position of Vice-President, seconded by Treasurer Lyons. The motion was unanimously approved.
- Secretary: Treasurer Lyons moved to appoint Chief Krienitz to the position of Secretary, seconded by Trustee McChurch. The motion was unanimously approved.
- Assistant Secretary: Trustee McChurch moved to appoint Trustee Anslow to the position of Assistant Secretary, seconded by Treasurer Lyons. The motion was unanimously approved.
3) Disability Hearing – Peter Bray. President Gill indicated that Attorney Atwell will be the hearing officer for the Aurora Firefighters’ Pension Fund Board.

Attorney Atwell stated that this hearing was scheduled to determine Mr. Bray’s pension benefit and the effective date of the pension, pursuant to state statutes. Mr. Bray was on the payroll until August 10, 2017, and the effective date of pension being August 11, 2017. A revised pension calculation for Mr. Bray was handed out that indicates a retroactive amount of $3,077.83 due to Mr. Bray. The revised calculation includes a 3% increase, per the approved Fire 99 contract settlement.

Attorney Atwell provided Attorney Duda with a signed Supplement Order and Warrant for Benefits. Attorney Duda indicated that he accepts the service of the order in lieu of a return receipt via U.S. mail.

Treasurer Lyons moved to enter the Supplemental Order establishing the effective date of pension as August 11, 2017 and the Warrant for Benefits that includes the salary attached to rank, the monthly pension amount, and the total amount of retroactive pay including any amount already paid. Both aforementioned documents are included in the meeting packet. The motion was seconded by Trustee McChurch. The motion was unanimously approved by a roll call vote.

4) Approval of Minutes - April 11, 2019 Regular Meeting. Treasurer Lyons moved to approve the April 11, 2019 regular meeting minutes, seconded by Trustee McChurch. The motion was unanimously approved by a roll call vote.

5) Quarterly Treasurer’s Report:
   a) Pension Calculation – Toby Gill, effective April 18, 2019. Treasurer Lyons stated that Mr. Gill has 27 years of service. He is eligible for a 67.5% rate of pension and he will receive his first increase in May 2020. Treasurer Lyons moved to approve the calculation as per the pension calculation sheet included in the meeting packet. The motion was seconded by Trustee McChurch and unanimously approved by a roll call vote. Trustee Gill abstained from the vote.
   b) Pension Calculation – Eric Mueller, effective April 29, 2019. Treasurer Lyons stated that Mr. Mueller has 27 years 9 months of service. He is eligible for a 69.37% rate of pension and he will receive his first increase on March 1, 2021. Treasurer Lyons moved to approve the calculation as per the pension calculation sheet included in the meeting packet. The motion was seconded by Trustee McChurch and unanimously approved by a roll call vote.
   c) Pension Calculation – William Nutter, effective June 1, 2019. Treasurer Lyons stated that Mr. Nutter has 23 years 3 months of service. He is eligible for a 58.12% rate of pension and will receive his first increase on June 1, 2020. Treasurer Lyons moved to approve the calculation as per the pension calculation sheet included in the meeting packet. The motion was seconded by Trustee McChurch and unanimously approved by a roll call vote.
   d) Military Buy-Back & Reciprocity Requests.
      • Caleb Byerhof – Cherry Valley Reciprocity. Ms. Cisneros stated that Stacey Hamling followed up with Cherry Valley regarding the status of the request and they indicated that the request will be approved at their August meeting. Ms. Hamling will follow up with Cherry Valley in August.
      • Craig Mesko – Plainfield Reciprocity. Trustee McChurch stated that Mr. Mesko will be submitting the request for reciprocity. He is currently working with the Village of Plainfield on the final salary amount and the required forms.
6) Applications for Participation in the Firefighters’ Pension Fund:

Hired April 8, 2019
Robert M. Bartosiewicz  Johnathon R. Mulcahy
Joseph A. Furrer  Rachel I. O’Shaughnessy
Matthew J. Gawlak  Ryan J. Pescitani
Adam J. Isherwood  Brendan S. Spratt
Eric E. Johnson  Del T. Tiritilli
Justin R. Larsen  Cody F. Wennerstrom
Craig M. Meseko Jr.

Attorney Atwell asked if all of the applications are complete and the necessary paperwork has been submitted for each of the applicants. He also asked if the applicants’ eligibility for Tier 1 or Tier 2 has been confirmed. Ms. Cisneros indicated that all of the applications are complete. Treasurer Lyons stated that even though an applicant indicates Tier 1, the applicants are required to provide proof of service to another department.

Trustee McChurch moved to accept Robert M. Bartosiewicz, Joseph A. Furrer, Matthew J. Gawlak, Adam J. Isherwood, Eric E. Johnson, Justin R. Larsen, Craig M. Meseko, Johnathon R. Mulcahy, Rachel I. O’Shaughnessy, Ryan J. Pescitani, Brendan S. Spratt, Del T. Tiritilli, and Cody F. Wennerstrom to the Aurora Firefighters’ Pension Fund, effective April 8, 2019. The motion was seconded by Treasurer Lyons and unanimously approved by a roll call vote.

7) Annual Physicals for Disability Pensioners – Discussion. President Gill stated that disability pensioners under age 50 are required to submit proof of a medical evaluation for the continuation of disability benefits. A draft letter was prepared for Peter Bray; however, it contains the standard language and may need to be revised pending the discussion at this meeting. Peter Bray contacted him to confirm whether an annual physical will suffice or whether he will be required to have an evaluation by a psychologist or a psychiatrist. Attorney Atwell indicated that Mr. Bray’s condition is psychological; therefore, an evaluation by a psychiatrist will be necessary. After a brief discussion, it was determined that Attorney Atwell will contact INSPE for a recommendation on a psychiatric physician, he will then work with Mr. Bray to set the examination date and any subsequent evaluations. The initial examination will be scheduled after August 11, 2019, the anniversary of Mr. Bray’s retirement.

Treasurer Lyons moved to authorize Attorney Atwell to obtain a recommendation for a psychiatrist through INSPE and then work with Mr. Bray to schedule the evaluations, all at the expense of the Firefighters’ Pension Board. The motion was seconded by President Gill and unanimously approved by a roll call vote.

8) 2018 Annual Statement to the Illinois Department of Insurance. Treasurer Lyons stated that the report was filed; however, an issue came up during the review. We are working with the Department of Insurance (DOI) to correct the issue. The DOI will accept the report after they have confirmed the accuracy of the information.
9) Auditor’s Communication to the Board. This discussion was included in item #10 below.

10) Annual Financial Report for the year ended December 31, 2018. Treasurer Lyons stated that as the cover letter from Sikich LLP indicates, the auditor’s gave a clean unqualified opinion. There were no issues with management in providing all of the information. Trustee Anslow moved to approve the Annual Financial Report, seconded by Trustee McChurch. The motion was unanimously approved by a roll call vote.

11) Actuarial Valuation Report as of December 31, 2018 and Tax Levy Request. This item was discussed during the investment management meeting.

12) Approval of Expenses for the Quarter Ended June 30, 2019. Chairman Gill stated that the regular expenses for the quarter were $134,587.33 and the payroll expenses were $3,592,911.66 for a grand total of $3,727,498.99. Trustee McChurch moved to approve the quarterly expenses for the period ending June 30, 2019 in the amount of $3,727,498.99. The motion was seconded by Trustee Anslow and unanimously approved by a roll call vote.

13) Public Comment.

   There being no comments from the public, Trustee McChurch moved to adjourn the regular Firefighters’ Pension Fund Board meeting at 11:55 a.m. The motion was seconded by Treasurer Lyons and unanimously approved by a roll call vote.

It is noted that the details of the July 26, 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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