



DARIEN-WOODRIDGE

Firefighters' Pension Fund

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PENSION MEETING MINUTES

Meeting held at 7550 Lyman Avenue, Darien, Il.

Date: 01/22/2019

Time: 4:03 p.m.

Attendance:

Board Members:

- Wayne Messenger (President) (District Appointee-April 30, 2021)
- Mike Zessemos- (Active-April 30, 2021)
- Jay Worden (Secretary) (Retired April 30, 2019)
- Sharon Cattaneo (District Appointee-April 30, 2020)
- Brian Isley- (Active-April 30, 2020) In at 4:15

Others Attending:

- Carolyn Welch Clifford, Attorney (Non-Voting)
- Frank Burns-Treasurer (Non-Voting)

Active Membership Attending:

S. Gorsky

Public Comment Period:

None.

Closed Meeting Minutes to be reviewed:

None.

Reading of the Minutes:

Minutes of the November 13, 2018 Meeting.

Motion: To waive the reading of the minutes and to accept the minutes as presented.

Motion: Cattaneo 2nd: Messenger Approved by 3-0 by roll call vote.

Treasurer's Report:

The Board reviewed the financial statement from Lauterbach and Amen through 12/31/2018. Copy attached. **Motion:** To approve the financial statement through December 31, 2018 as presented. Motion: Worden 2nd: Messenger. Aye: Worden, Messenger and Cattaneo. Nay: None. Passed. 3-0

Bills and Disbursements:

Motion: To pay the pending bills totaling \$86,597.45. Motion: Messenger 2nd: Worden Aye: Messenger, Worden and Cattaneo. Nay: None. Passed. 3-0.

Investments:

Frank Fanelli from MB Financial made his presentation on the results thru 12/31/2018. The Stock Market's melt down in the last quarter of 2018 was reflected in our results thru December 2018. The overall portfolio had a return of -5.18% since the beginning of the fiscal year 06/01/2018 which is slightly below the benchmark of -5.11%. The blended results for the last quarter were -7.59%. The equity side has shown a decrease of -9.45% since the beginning of the fiscal year, with the majority in the last quarter. Even with the losses we performed better than the benchmarks. The increase of the fixed portfolio was 1.20% since the beginning of the fiscal year. As usual as the equity markets fall, our fixed income holdings do slightly better. However, with the very low rates available in the fixed income markets it still does not make them an attractive investment if we are going to make our overall investment returns.

Frank also discussed the ongoing failure of the alternate strategies to thrive in the current investment environment. It was discussed some changes were going to be made to try to improve the overall return in this area. In the 4th quarter of 2018 it actually did better than its benchmark.

Spenser Klein was delayed due to weather and discussed the overall markets. He discussed several issues including the potential for changes in their outlook due to uncertainties in the short run due to political and financial turmoil in the next couple of months. He also discussed the merger between MB and Fifth Third Bank and its potential. More to follow once the merger finally goes through. He did not feel the merger would affect our ongoing relationship. He did suggest there might be some opportunities due to access to additional resources and investment scale.

Old Business:

1. Our annual report was filed with the Department of Insurance on time.
2. The District levied the Statutory minimum for the benefit of the Pension Fund with DuPage County.
3. Norman Meske's request for reciprocity is still pending awaiting additional information from Chicago.
4. The annual increases for the membership was approved at the November meeting.

Application for Membership:

1. Kevin Stapleton was appointed as a Firefighter on January 20, 2019. We have received his application to the fund along with the signed Physician's Certification for entry level physical condition. He will be a Tier 2 due to no previous Fire Service Experience.
2. Ryan Olmstead was appointed as a Firefighter on January 21, 2019. We have received his application to the fund along with the signed Physician's Certification for entry level physical condition. He will be a Tier 2 due to no previous Fire Service Experience.

Motion: To accept Kevin Stapleton and Ryan Olmstead into the Pension Fund on January 20, 2019 and January 21, 2019 respectively. Motion: Messenger, 2nd: Isley Aye: Messenger, Isley, Cattaneo and Worden Nay: None Passed 4-0.

Applications for Refunds or Benefits:

1. Zachary Gloodt requested a refund of his pension deductions. He was hired on June 4, 2018 and his last day of work was December 31, 2018. His final deductions are unknown at this time pending a final accounting of final payrolls.

Motion: To refund Zachary Gloodt his pension deductions once a final figure from Lauterbach and Amen is calculated. He has requested a direct payment so appropriate taxes will have to be collected per IRS rules. Motion: Isley 2nd: Worden Aye: Isley, Worden, Messenger and Cattaneo. Nay: None Passed 4-0

New Business:

1. The IDOI Acturials were not yet received.
2. Certification of the Annual Training requirements was tabled until April's meeting. From now on the certification will be done in April.
3. Statement of Economic Interests are due in April.
4. We have no Financial Entities cover under the Annual Servicer Requirements.
5. The Bi-Annual Affidavit process will begin in March.
6. Conner IME process to start in January.
7. Ottosen, Britz Attorney engagement letter and retainer is due.
Motion: To approve the Attorney Engagement Letter with Ottosen, Britz, Kelly, Cooper, Gilbert and DiNolfo, Ltd for 2019. The retainer will be \$290.00 per month and can be paid once a year. Motion: Messenger 2nd: Worden Aye: Messenger, Worden, Cattaneo and Isley. Nay: None Passed 4-0.
8. Worden is up for election as retired member in April 2019.

Attorney Report:

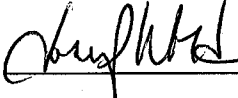
1. Carolyn discussed a couple of issues. We also discussed some of the issues raised at the IPFA Conference. She also presented additional study information for the Trustees to review.
2. The concept of the Death Audit Service was discussed in passing. There are some privacy concerns raised by Carolyn in her discussions.

Training:

1. NIAFPD Conference January 24-27 in Westmont. Several members are planning to attend.

Adjournment: Motion: Worden 2nd: Isley 4-0 by Voice Vote. Time: 5:15 PM

Next Meeting: April 2, 2019 Time: 4:00 pm

Signed by:  _____ Joseph P. Worden, Secretary Approved 4-0 4/2/19