



DARIEN-WOODRIDGE

Firefighters' Pension Fund

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PENSION MEETING MINUTES

Meeting held at 7550 Lyman Avenue, Darien, Il.

Date: 09/22//2020

Time: 10:15 a.m.

The Board of Trustees of the Darien-Woodridge Firefighters' Pension Fund conducted a regular meeting via video and teleconference on **September 22, 2020, at 10:15 a.m.** in accordance with Section 7(e) of the Open Meetings Act (5 ILCS 120/7(e)), recently amended by Public Act 101-0640 (Government Emergency Administration Act) as the result of the State's disaster declaration regarding the COVID-19 pandemic and the Board President's determination that an in-person meeting is not practical or prudent. Meeting was recorded per rules, but due to a technical difficulty the first approximately 10-15 minutes of the meeting were missed.

Attendance:

Board Members:

Wayne Messenger (President) (District Appointee-April 30, 2021) In Person

Mike Zessemos- (Active-April 30, 2021) via Zoom

Jay Worden (Secretary) (Retired April 30, 2022) In Person

Christopher English- (District Appointee-April 30, 2022) via Zoom

Brian Isley- (Active-April 30, 2020) On Duty- Teleconference

Others Attending:

Carolyn Welch Clifford, Attorney (Non-Voting) via Zoom

Kathy Trapp-Treasurer (Non-Voting) Via Zoom

Active Membership Attending:

S. Gorsky- In person

Public Comment Period:

None.

Closed Meeting Minutes to be Reviewed:

None.

Reading of the Minutes:

Minutes of the February 7, 2020 Meeting.

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

Motion: Isley 2nd: English Aye: Isley English, Messenger and Worden. Zessemos- Abstain.

Approved by 4-0-1 by roll call vote.

Treasurer's Report:

The Board reviewed the financial statement from Lauterbach and Amen through 08/31/2020. Copy attached. **Motion:** To approve the financial statement through August 31, 2020 as presented. Motion: English 2nd: Worden. Aye: English, Worden, Messenger, Isley and Zessemos. Nay: None. Passed. 5-0.

Bills and Disbursements:

Motion: To pay the pending bills totaling \$196, 840.24. Motion: Isley 2nd: English Aye: Isley, English, Messenger, Zessemos and Worden. Nay: None. Passed. 5-0

Investments:

1. Robert Thompson via Zoom made a presentation of the results of our investment portfolio as of 08/31/2020. Despite the turmoil of the Covid-19 pandemic and the resulting economic disruption, our portfolio has made significant progress over the last 5 months since his last report.

Our portfolio currently is slightly over weighted in equities at 66.7% but ongoing market changes even since the end of August may have corrected that issue. The performance of the fixed income portion in the midst of the pandemic was better than expected at 4.7% but the easy money there has been made. The Fed's decision to keep interest rates lower for a longer period limited the ability to go for better yields without excessive risk.

On the equity side we have made 14.0% over the last 3-month period and 4.5% for the year. The total return for the 1-year period has been 15.7%. However, as discussed in the last report the market has shown considerable volatility. It is felt that our portfolio is balanced enough to offset some of this up and down motion.

As far as the rest of the portfolio is concerned we have really cut back on our Real Asset/ Alternative strategies allocations due to the damage being done in these areas.

On a total basis our return for the last 3 months is 9.1% and a year to date return of 5.3%. The total average return on our portfolio since inception is 7.4%.

Old Business:

1. Norman Meske's request for reciprocity is still pending awaiting additional information from Chicago.
2. The 5/3 Bank revised agreement was sent out for legal review and it met all the requirements
Motion: To approve the revised 5/3 agreement as presented. **Motion:** Messenger 2nd: English
Aye: Messenger, English, Isley, Zesemos and Worden. **Nay:** None Passed 5-0.
3. The draft rules review was tabled until the November meeting.
4. Keith Kaschub has requested we hold off on the Disability hearing until after a follow-up with his physician. Carolyn stated we do have the IME reports from the three physician's Keith has seen as part of the disability process if needed. More to follow.
5. Carolyn made a short report on the working of the Fire Pension Investment Board. Members should be aware they should be getting ballots for the election of the permanent board over the next month or so.

Application for Membership:

None

Applications for Refunds or Benefits:

None

New Business:


1. **Motion:** To pay the annual premium for the Fiduciary Insurance to due 09/01/2020 of \$3462.00. This is within our 5% threshold on the increases. Last year was \$3433.00. **Motion:** Messenger 2nd: Isley
Aye: Messenger, Isley, English, Zesemos and Worden **Nay:** None Passed 5-0.
2. IDOI Annual report is under review.
3. The District audit is underway with a new Audit firm. No report has been given yet.
4. Stephanie Bay from Lauterbach and Amen gave a review of the draft actuarial and GASB 67/68 report. Due to several factors including a change in assumptions, statutory changes to the Tier 2 benefits, the failure to make the investment returns and not making the previous recommended funding levels, the requested amount is significantly larger than last year. The recommended levy request is \$1,772,897.00. This is \$350,792.00 more than last year's recommendation. This shows the fund is currently only 57.68% funded on an actuarial basis.

Attorney Report:

1. Carolyn had some comments on the funding issues. Also, we discussed how we were going to handle the day to day expenses under the Consolidation once it goes into effect.

Adjournment: Motion: Worden 2nd: Messenger 5-0 by Roll call vote. Time: 11:45 AM

Next Meeting: November 10, 2020 Time: 10:00 am

Signed by:  Joseph P. Worden, Secretary

Approved & one correction
(grammatical)

Roll call vote 3-0-2