



DARIEN-WOODRIDGE

Firefighters' Pension Fund

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SPECIAL PENSION MEETING MINUTES

Meeting held at 7550 Lyman Avenue, Darien, Il.

Date: 06/29/2016

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Attendance:

Board Members:

Wayne Messenger (President-District Appointee-April 30, 2018)

Seth Dale- (Active-April 30, 2018)

Jay Worden (Retired-Secretary) (April 30, 2019)

Sharon Cattaneo (District Appointee-April 30, 2017)

Brian Isley (Active-April 30, 2017)

Others Attending:

Frank Burns, Treasurer (Non-Voting)

Carolyn Welch Clifford, Attorney (Non-Voting)

Active Membership Attending:

D. Lambright

Retired Membership Attending:

None

Disabled Membership Attending:

None

Pension Survivors Attending:

None

Public Comment Period:

None.

New Business:

The purpose of this meeting was to formally determine whether the request by Lt. Vince Phillips to buy-back his creditable service time from December 1, 2015 to May 31, 2016 while he was on a requested non-paid leave of absence. It was felt by the Board that we needed to follow the hearing type procedures since the Pension Statutes in this area are a bit unclear. We also know that our determination will represent a finding and is subject to potential review and appeal.

Attorney Clifford reviewed the statutes involved and discussed our responsibilities in this type of case. She made a point that we are to read and interpret the materials presented in the best interest of our member and the membership. She also stated that the lack of attendance by Lt. Phillips was not to be taken as a negative factor in our determinations.

All members were given a packet of the exhibits to review as we discussed the various issues involved. The primary determination is whether Lt. Phillips request to buy-back his time would or would not be allowed. It seems that the only reason that the time could be bought back is when the leave of absence was based on an accident or illness regardless of length of time. (40ILCS5/4-108 (a)).

Chief Lambright was interviewed about some of the information he provided in the exhibits. He was also asked to clarify several questions from the members. Attorney Clifford was asked her opinion on whether this decision could have any bearing on subsequent potential proceedings in the future.

After additional discussion on the issues between the members of the board it was determined we did not need to go into a closed session to discuss our decision.

Motion: Member Vince Phillips will be given the option to buy-back his creditable service time lost due to personal illness from December 1, 2015 to May 31, 2016. He has 90 days from June 1, 2016 to repay the amount determined by Lauterbach and Amen he would have had deducted from his paychecks.


Motion: Dale, 2nd: Cattaneo. Aye: Dale, Cattaneo, Messenger, Isley and Worden. Nay: None

Attorney Clifford will send a letter to Lt. Phillips documenting the Boards decision, the amounts to be repaid and additional information.

There being no other business before the board the meeting was adjourned.

Adjournment: Motion: Dale 2nd: Isley 5-0 by Voice Vote. Time: 1:32 PM

Next Meeting: September 27, 2016 Time: 1600

Signed by:  Joseph P. Worden, Secretary *Approved 9/27/16 3-0*