



# DARIEN-WOODRIDGE

## Firefighters' Pension Fund

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### SPECIAL PENSION MEETING MINUTES

Meeting held at 7550 Lyman Avenue, Darien, Il.

**Date:** 07/14/2021

**Time:** 3:30 p.m.

#### **Attendance:**

##### Board Members:

- Wayne Messenger (President) (District Appointee-May 31, 2024)
- James Karasek (Active May 31, 2024)
- Jay Worden (Secretary) (Retired May 31, 2022)
- Christopher English- (District Appointee-May 31, 2022)
- Brian Isley- (Active-May 31, 2023)

##### Others Attending:

- Carolyn Welch Clifford, Attorney (Non-Voting)
- Kathy Trapp-Treasurer (Non-Voting)

##### Active Membership Attending:

S. Gorsky

#### **Public Comment Period:**

None.

#### **Reading of the Minutes:**

Minutes of the April 6, 2021 Meeting.

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

Motion: Messenger 2<sup>nd</sup>: English Aye: Messenger, English and Worden. Nay: None

Abstain: Karasek

Approved by 3-0-1 by roll call vote.

#### **Application for Membership:**

1. Jamie Aguayo was appointed as a firefighter/paramedic as of June 7, 2021. We have received his signed application to the fund along with the signed Physician's Certification for entry level physician condition. He will be Tier 2 due to no previous Fire Service Experience.

**Motion:** To approve the application of Jamie Aguayo to be a member of the fund effective June 7, 2021. Motion: English 2<sup>nd</sup>: Karasek Aye: English, Karasek, Messenger and Worden. Nay: None Passed 4-0.

#### **Applications for Refunds or Benefits:**

1. Karen Hobbs has applied for Survivor's benefits after the death of her husband James Hobbs on June 26, 2021. Jim was currently on retirement benefits at the time of his death. She enclosed the proper paperwork including a signed application, certificate of marriage and the certificate of death as required. Since Jim was currently receiving a regular retirement benefit, she is entitled to his current benefit without any cost of living increases as laid out in the statute.

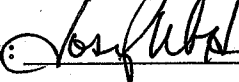
**Motion:** To award Karen Hobbs a survivors benefit effective June 27, 2021. She will receive a partial payment of \$824.83 for the month of June and a monthly payment of \$6,186.25 from July, 2021 forward. Lauterbach and Amen confirmed calculations of her benefit. Motion: Messenger 2<sup>nd</sup>: English. Aye: Messenger, English, Karasek and Worden. Nay: None Passed 4-0.

**New Business:**

1. A discussion on setting a date for a special joint meeting with the District Board in August to discuss funding for the fund. In addition, at that meeting the Pension Board will discuss several issues concerning the transfer of funds to the Illinois Fire Pension Investment Fund (FPIF) and cash management procedures after the consolidation. We were notified our funds would be transferred on December 1, 2021.

**Adjournment:** Motion: Worden      2<sup>nd</sup>: English    4-0 by Roll call vote.      Time: 3:55 PM.

**Next Meeting: September 21, 2021      Time: 10:00 am**

Signed by:  Joseph P. Worden, Secretary    *Approved 8/20/21*  
*4-0-1*