

MINUTES OF PENSION BOARD MEETING OF APRIL 25, 2016

The Pension Board held a regular meeting on Monday, April 25, 2016, in Room 213, Stratford Town Hall, 2725 Main Street, Stratford, CT, pursuant to notice duly posted by Chairman Dumas.

Members Present: J. Vincent Chase, Mark Dumas (arrived 6:08 p.m.), Wali Kadeem (arrived 6:13 p.m.), Alan Llewelyn, Tina Manus, Philip Young, Gary Catalano, Tom Murray and Frank Eannotti
Others Present: John Florek (Town Attorney), Susan Collier (Finance Director), Ron Ing and Susan Barksdale (Human Resources) and David Lee (Dahab Assocs.)

I. CALL TO ORDER

- The meeting was called to order by Acting Chairman Chase at 6:04 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Regular Meeting of March 28, 2016

- ON MOTION BY MR. LLEWELYN AND SECONDED BY MR. EANNOTTI, THE FOREGOING MINUTES WERE APPROVED 7-0.

The meeting proceeded in the following order:

IV. DISABILITY APPLICATIONS

1. PETER J. GRINDROD (Police) – Disability in Line of Duty

- To be discussed in executive session at the end of the meeting.

2. Tabled Application

- JUSTIN LOSCHIAVO (Police) – Disability in Line of Duty

- MR. EANNOTTI MOVED TO TAKE THE DISABILITY APPLICATION OF JUSTIN LOSCHIAVO OFF THE TABLE. MR. MORSE SECONDED AND THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

- MR. EANNOTTI MOVED, SECONDED BY MR. MORSE, TO STRIKE THIS ITEM FROM THE AGENDA. MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

V. TREASURER'S REPORT

- Mr. Lee reported that the stock market started to recover in mid-February and the Pension Fund ended the month of March up 4.7%. The Fund is up 0.7% for the First Quarter. Ms. Manus questioned the performance of the Fund's International advisor. Mr. Lee advised that international stock is part of a balanced portfolio and emerging markets did well this past Quarter. However, for now he is keeping our international stock below our 10% target.

- MR. CHASE MOVED TO ACCEPT THE TREASURER'S REPORT. MS. MANUS SECONDED AND THE MOTION CARRIED 9-0 (with both Mr. Dumas and Mr. Kadeem now present).

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III. NEW APPLICATIONS FOR SUPERANNUATION

1. ELIZABETH THOMPSON (BOE) – Superannuation Application

- Chairman Dumas advised the Board that he had received an e-mail from Ms. Nicholson at the BOE confirming that Ms. Thompson's application is in order.

MR. CHASE MOVED, SECONDED BY MR. MORSE, TO APPROVE THE SUPERANNUATION APPLICATION OF ELIZABETH THOMPSON. MOTION CARRIED 9-0.

VI. TOWN ATTORNEY REPORT

- Attorney Florek distributed to the Board members copies of the basic 1999 Retirement Plan.

1. Report on grievance regarding Thomas Clements, Robert Sampson, Donald Shula and Fred Wilcoxson – no business

- MR. CHASE MOVED TO ACCEPT THE TOWN ATTORNEY'S REPORT. MR. YOUNG SECONDED AND THE MOTION CARRIED 9-0.

IV. DISABILITY APPLICATIONS

1. PETER J. GRINDROD (Police) – Disability in Line of Duty

- The Disability Review Board had met on April 20 and recommended a disability pension not in the line of duty.

- MR. MORSE MOVED TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVIEWING THE EMPLOYEE'S MEDICAL REPORTS, SAID EXECUTIVE SESSION TO INCLUDE THE PENSION BOARD MEMBERS AND ATTORNEY FLOREK. MR. EANNOTTI SECONDED THE MOTION AND IT CARRIED 8-1 (with Mr. Dumas opposed).

- The Board entered executive session at 6:20 p.m.

- ON MOTION BY MR. KADEEM AND SECONDED BY MR. LLEWELYN, THE EXECUTIVE SESSION ENDED AT 6:35 P.M. MOTION CARRIED 9-0.

- MR. EANNOTTI MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE PETER J. GRINDROD'S APPLICATION FOR DISABILITY IN THE LINE OF DUTY. MR. KADEEM SECONDED. Discussion followed.

- Chairman Dumas asked that a Chair Pro Tempore be appointed so he could participate in the discussion. MR. CHASE NOMINATED MR. KADEEM AS CHAIR PRO TEMPORE. MS. MANUS SECONDED. There were no other nominations. MOTION TO NOMINATE MR. KADEEM AS CHAIR PRO TEMPORE CARRIED 9-0.

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- Mr. Dumas stated that in his opinion the Pension Board had not been given enough information to make a decision on Mr. Grindrod's application. He suggested that the Board table this application and request more information from the Disability Review Board. Ms. Manus questioned whether Mr. Grindrod could return to the police force if his symptoms abated. Mr. Ing advised that he would first have to be cleared by his treating physician before he could return. Mr. Chase asked about the monetary difference between an in-line of duty versus a not-in-line of duty disability pension. Mr. Morse questioned whether Mr. Grindrod had followed up with the medical consultations recommended by his physician.

- MR. DUMAS MOVED TO TABLE MR. GRINDROD'S DISABILITY APPLICATION WITH INSTRUCTIONS THROUGH THE TOWN ATTORNEY TO THE DISABILITY REVIEW BOARD TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING THEIR DETERMINATION THAT HE WAS NOT DISABLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY. MR. CHASE SECONDED THE MOTION AND ADDED A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT THAT THE DRB REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD BY THEIR NEXT MEETING. MR. DUMAS ACCEPTED THIS AMENDMENT. MOTION TO TABLE AS AMENDED CARRIED 7 TO 2 (with Mr. Catalano and Mr. Eannotti opposed).

VII. NEW BUSINESS - None

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

- There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail J. Nobili, Secretary

As of March 28, 2016

Notification to:

J. Vincent Chase	Ron Ing (HR Director)
Mark Dumas	Andrea Mosley (Payroll)
David Harden	Gary Catalano (Supervisors)
Wali Kadeem	Michael Bonnar (Supervisors-A)
Alan Llewelyn	Dave Hurley (Public Works)
Tina Manus	Michael Vidmosko (Public Works-A)
Philip Young	Tom Murray (Fire Dept)
John A. Harkins (Mayor)	Mathew Morse (Fire Dept-A)
Christopher Tymniak (CAO)	Frank Eannotti (Police Dept)
Christopher M. Hodgson (Town Atty)	Joseph Maida (Police Dept-A)
John A. Florek (Town Atty)	(BOE)
Susan Collier (Finance Director)	Anthony Roma (BOE-A)
Neyda Ahlstrom (Wachovia)	Linda Williams (Town Hall)
David Lee (Dahab Assocs.)	(Town Hall-A)
Susan Barksdale (HR)	Kathleen Pacacha (HR)

Engineering, Water Pollution, Highway, Sanitation, Garage Maintenance, Parks, Susan Nicholson (BOE)

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