

MINUTES OF PENSION BOARD MEETING OF MAY 23, 2016

The Pension Board held a regular meeting on Monday, May 23, 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, Alan Llewelyn, Tina Manus, Philip Young, Gary Catalano, Dave Hurley, Tom Murray, Frank Eannotti and Linda Williams

Others Present: John Florek (Town Attorney), Susan Collier (Finance Director), Ron Ing and Susan Barksdale (Human Resources), Attorney Joseph Packtor (attorney for Peter Grindrod) and Matthew Morse (Alt)

Documents Distributed: Pension Fund Performance Review for the Quarter ending March 31, 2016.

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Regular Meeting of April 25, 2016

- Mr. Murray noted that the Minutes need to be corrected as he was not present at the April meeting¹

- MR. YOUNG MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOREGOING MINUTES AS AMENDED. MR. EANNOTTI SECONDED THE MOTION AND THE APRIL MINUTES AS AMENDED WERE APPROVED 10-0.

III. NEW APPLICATIONS FOR SUPERANNUATION

1. FRANCIS G. PROUDFOOT, II (Police) – Superannuation Application

- Human Resources indicated that Officer Proudfoot's paperwork was in order.

- UPON MOTION BY MR. EANNOTTI AND SECONDED BY MR. MURRAY, THE SUPERANNUATION APPLICATION OF FRANCIS G. PROUDFOOT, II, WAS APPROVED 10-0.

2. JAMES W. DEMKO (PW) – Superannuation Application

- Human Resources indicated that Mr. Demko's paperwork was in order. Mr. Demko froze his pension in 2007 and is now retiring with a 401.

- UPON MOTION BY MR. HURLEY AND SECONDED BY MR. MURRAY, THE SUPERANNUATION APPLICATION OF JAMES W. DEMKO WAS APPROVED 10-0.

IV. DISABILITY APPLICATIONS

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

¹ Mr. Morse sat in Mr. Murray's place at the April 25, 2016 meeting.

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- MR. MURRAY MOVED TO APPROVE THE DISABILITY IN LINE OF DUTY PENSION OF PETER J. GRINDROD. MR. EANNOTTI SECONDED. Discussion followed.

- Attorney Florek pointed out that at the last meeting the Pension Board had requested a letter from the DRB explaining their recommendation of Disability Not in Line of Duty. In response, the DRB met again on April 18 and he suggested that the Board go into executive session to discuss the DRB's letter.

- Mr. Hurley questioned whether Mr. Grindrod would have to re-apply for a Disability Not in Line of Duty pension? Attorney Florek stated that it was not necessary to re-apply as this would place an unnecessary burden on the applicant and delay his retirement. Mr. Murray and Mr. Hurley disagreed with Attorney Florek.

- Chairman Dumas refused Attorney Packtor's request to address the Pension Board because he was an outside party and only Board members and staff could speak.

- MR. EANNOTTI MOVED TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVIEWING THE APPLICANT'S MEDICAL INFORMATION, SAID EXECUTIVE SESSION TO INCLUDE THE PENSION BOARD MEMBERS AND ATTORNEY FLOREK AND MR. ING. MR. MURRAY SECONDED THE MOTION AND MADE A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT TO INCLUDE ATTORNEY PACKTOR IN EXECUTIVE SESSION. MR. EANNOTTI ACCEPTED THIS AMENDMENT.

- Mr. Hurley requested a recess. Chairman Dumas recessed the meeting at 6:16 p.m. Meeting reconvened at 6:20 p.m.

- THE AMENDMENT TO THE MOTION ON THE FLOOR TO INCLUDE ATTORNEY PACKTOR IN EXECUTIVE SESSION CARRIED 8-2. (Mr. Dumas and Mr. Chase were opposed.)

- MR. EANNOTTI'S ORIGINAL MOTION AS AMENDED TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS MR. GRINDROD'S MEDICAL INFORMATION, SAID EXECUTIVE SESSION TO INCLUDE THE PENSION BOARD MEMBERS, ATTORNEY FLOREK, MR. ING. AND ATTORNEY PAKTOR CARRIED 9-1 (Mr. Dumas was opposed.)

- Executive Session commenced 6:27p.m. The meeting reconvened at 6:46 p.m.

- During Executive Session Chairman Dumas relinquished the Chair to Mr. Chase so he could participate in discussion.

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- MR. DUMAS MOVED THAT THE VOTE ON MR. GRINDROD'S APPLICATION BE TABLED UNTIL THE BOARD REVIEWED THE MEDICAL RECORDS. MR. YOUNG SECONDED. MOTION TO TABLE FAILED 4-6. (Ms. Manus, Mr. Catalano, Mr. Hurley, Mr. Murray, Mr. Eannotti and Ms. Williams were opposed.)

- THE ORIGINAL MOTION TO APPROVE THE DISABILITY IN LINE OF DUTY PENSION OF PETER J. GRINDROD CARRIED 6-4 (with Ms. Manus, Mr. Catalano, Mr. Hurley, Mr. Murray, Mr. Eannotti and Ms. Williams voting in favor and Mr. Chase, Mr. Dumas, Mr. Llewelyn and Mr. Young opposed.)

- Ms. Collier inquired whether a supermajority (two-thirds) vote was required on a disability application? Attorney Florek checked the pension documents but there was no specific language concerning the vote so Attorney Florek stated that the 6-4 majority vote carried.

V. TREASURER'S REPORT – no business

VI. TOWN ATTORNEY REPORT – no business

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Informational Items:

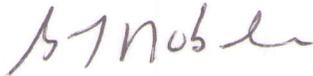
A. BRIAN HAMM (Police) – Vesting Benefit & Terminating Employment

B. ROBERT CURRIER (PW) – Pension Freeze/Enrolling in Defined Contribution Plan

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

- There being no further business, UPON MOTION BY MR. MURRAY AND SECONDED BY MR. EANNOTTI, THE REGULAR MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:06 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Gail J. Nobili, Secretary

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As of March 28, 2016

Notification to:

J. Vincent Chase
Mark Dumas
David Harden
Wali Kadeem
Alan Llewelyn
Tina Manus
Philip Young
John A. Harkins (Mayor)
Christopher Tymniak (CAO)
Christopher M. Hodgson (Town Atty)
John A. Florek (Town Atty)
Susan Collier (Finance Director)
Neyda Ahlstrom (Wachovia)
David Lee (Dahab Assocs.)
Susan Barksdale (HR)

Ron Ing (HR Director)
Andrea Mosley (Payroll)
Gary Catalano (Supervisors)
Michael Bonnar (Supervisors-A)
Dave Hurley (Public Works)
Michael Vidmosko (Public Works-A)
Tom Murray (Fire Dept)
Mathew Morse (Fire Dept-A)
Frank Eannotti (Police Dept)
Joseph Maida (Police Dept-A)
(BOE)
Anthony Roma (BOE-A)
Linda Williams (Town Hall)
(Town Hall-A)
Kathleen Pacacha (HR)

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