



CITY OF STAMFORD POLICEMEN'S PENSION TRUST FUND BOARD

A Regular Meeting of the Stamford Police Pension Board of Trustees was held on Wednesday, June 12, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. at Stamford Police Headquarters.

Present at the meeting were Lt. Michael Noto, Officer Michael Merenda, Commissioner Michael Berkoff, Commissioner Frank Mercede, and Mr. Tom Deegan. Also present were Attorney Anthony Macleod, and Donna DeVito, Recording Secretary.

Invited guests were Paul Mabey and Attorney Jon August.

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Lt. Noto.

Approval – Meeting Minutes from May 14, 2013

A MOTION was made by Officer Merenda, seconded by Mr. Mercede, and approved unanimously, to approve the minutes of the meeting of May 14, 2013 as presented.

Pay Bills

Bank of America

Lt. Noto requested payment in the amount of \$6,785.45 to the Bank of America for their first quarter fee.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Deegan, seconded by Mr. Mercede, and approved unanimously, to approve payment to the Bank of America the amount of \$6,785.45 for their first quarter fee.

Northeast Agencies

Lt. Noto requested payment to Northeast Agencies in the amount of \$29,997.00 for the annual fiduciary liability insurance.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Deegan, seconded by Mr. Mercede, and approved unanimously, to approve payment to Northeast Agencies in the amount of \$29,997.00 for the annual fiduciary liability insurance.

Whitman Breed

Lt. Noto requested payment to Whitman Breed Abbott & Morgan LLP in the amount of \$8,800.00 for legal services rendered from April-May 2013.

A MOTION was made by Officer Merenda, seconded by Mr. Deegan, and approved unanimously, to approve payment to Whitman Breed Abbott & Morgan LLP in the amount of \$8,800.00 for legal services rendered from April-May 2013.

Discussion/Approval - Retirements

4 Retirements

A Motion was made by Lt. Noto, seconded and approved unanimously, to go into Executive Session at 6:09 p.m.

A Motion was made by Lt. Noto, seconded and approved unanimously, to come out of Executive Session at 6:50 p.m.

Lt. Noto reported that four officers are in the process of obtaining IME's for a disability pension.

2 Retirees

A Motion was by Lt. Noto, seconded by Mr. Berkoff, to reconsider the application of one retired officer and that it be considered under the 75% disability clause, Section 9 K-(2). of the Stamford Police Association Collective Bargaining Agreement. No votes were cast in favor, 5 were opposed. Motion failed and the officer's pension stands at 50%.

After hearing a presentation by one retired officer and his attorney, a Motion was made by Mr. Deegan, seconded by Mr. Berkoff, to reconsider the pension application of one retired officer under the 75% disability clause of the contract. No votes were cast in favor, 5 were opposed. Motion failed and the officer's pension stands as is.

The Board next considered the argument made by the foregoing retiree's attorney that a Charter disability pension of 50% should be based on total compensation, including overtime, and not just on base pay. Motion was made by Mr. Deegan, seconded by Mr. Berkoff, to construe Section C7-20-1 as requiring disability pensions thereunder to be calculated on all compensation, including overtime, rather than just base pay. No votes were cast in favor, 5 were opposed. Motion failed.

Old Business

1 Retiree QDRO court order

Lt. Noto reported that the court order is set to go out.

QDRO Form Letter

Lt. Noto will review the new changes made to the QDRO form letter.

New Business

Bank of America Funding

A MOTION was made by Lt. Noto, seconded by Mr. Berkoff, and approved unanimously, to liquidate \$2 MM from the Federated Prime Cash fund (PCOXX) and transfer it to the Bank of America Payment Account.

Mezzanine Capital Return of Capital

Notice was received on May 15, 2013 that GC 2009 Mezzanine Partners, L.P. made a distribution to the Pension Fund in the amount of \$112,500. This distribution was a return to capital.

Wolf Popper LLP

A letter was received from Wolf Popper dated June 5, 2013 stating that during April 2013, the Fund did not incur any losses and therefore no action needed to be taken at this time. It also stated that the Fund may be eligible to participate in a settlement regarding Citigroup Bonds.

Fund Review

Mr. Deegan reported that interest rates are beginning to rise and we should expect this to continue. He stated that, in his opinion, longer duration bonds and high yield bonds have the potential to be hurt over the coming months /years. He voiced concern about the funds exposure to the Loomis Sayles and Vanguard Bond Index funds. He pointed out that currently the Fund has \$27 MM in fixed income and has the potential to incur significant losses in these investments if we leave them as currently invested.

Mr. Deegan suggested that they look into a shorter duration fund that invests in short term notes and shorter duration bonds until such a time as rates level off. He will explore alternatives and present recommendations at the next meeting.

Mr. Deegan reported that the equity markets were experiencing increased volatility and will continue to be that way for some time. The funds alternative investments were doing extremely well, especially Hildene, Golub and Rubicon. He explained that Hildene earned 4 ½% this month and YTD has returned 14 -15% and they made the money back that was redeemed for other investment opportunities earlier this year.

Mr. Deegan told the Board that he spoke to their consultant, Clearbrook, about different real estate investments and they will be making a presentation in the coming months.

Set Date for Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on Wednesday, July 9, 2012 at 5:30 p.m.

Adjourn

There being no further business, a Motion was made by Officer Merenda, seconded by Mr. Berkoff, and approved unanimously, to adjourn the meeting 8:13 p.m.