

Minutes of the Firefighter's Pension Board Meeting

Chairman Ronald Glass called the meeting to order on Tuesday, December 7, 2010 at 2:00 p.m., 2nd floor, agenda conference room, City Hall at 400 S. Orange Avenue, Orlando, Florida. There was a quorum.

Members Present:

Ronald Glass, Chairman
Shannon Raybon, Vice-Chair
Michael Droege, Secretary
Kevin Edmonds, Trustee
Mario Garcia, Trustee

Also Present:

Christopher P. McCullion, Executive Director
James B. Loper, Board Attorney via telephone
Amanda Green, Department Advocate
Rochelle L. Burlon, Pension Coordinator
Katrina Laudeman, Deputy Executive Director
Katie Zuccarini, Employee Benefits
John Tormos, Firefighter
Randy Brown, Attorney for J. Tormos

1. **MINUTES**

A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 18, 2010, was made by S. Raybon and seconded by K. Edmonds; **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

2. **PENDING**

a. **J. CREW CLASS ACTION LAWSUIT**

Chairman Glass advised the trustees that per their instructions on December 2, 2010 the pension board has entered into an agreement with Abraham, Fruchter & Twersky to pursue this case. The Police Pension Board has entered into an agreement with Bernstein Litowitz (BLBG). There are no costs to either pension fund.

b. **CHANGE OF CIRCUMSTANCE HYPERTENSION-FIREFIGHTER J. TORMOS**

R. Brown gave his opening statement regarding the change in Mr. Tormos' hypertension.

A MOTION THAT THIS IS A CHANGE OF CIRCUMSTANCES AND THE BOARD WILL SCHEDULE AN ADDITIONAL MEETING SOMETIME IN LATE JANUARY WITH THE SAME DOCTOR was made by M. Droege and seconded by M. Garcia; **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.** J. Tormos is to furnish the trustees with a physician's report from Dr. Weber prior to the meeting.

c. **NECK, BACK DISABILITY APPLICATION -FIREFIGHTER J. TORMOS**

J. Tormos' additional notebooks were given to trustees. It was determined that the Board will schedule his hearing if possible on January 20, 2011 or on February 17, 2011. R. Brown to advise staff if he will be available.

d. **QUASI-JUDICIAL HEARING REGARDING SHARE PROGRAM**

The board received a few letters from retirees questioning the initial Share Program calculations, which have been resolved by the third version of the calculation spreadsheet which was revised to show the correct dates of services for those retirees who elected to participate in the Back DROP program. Retiree J. P. Bartlinski sent a letter to the Board questioning the way the Chapter 175 extra benefit moneys were being used and the board attorney advised him of the hearing. Mr. Bartlinski called the Pension Coordinator to advise her that he would not be attending the hearing. The Board attorney will issue a Final Order on Objections of J.P. Bartlinski to be sent out certified and by U.S. Mail.

Staff to try and obtain any further invoices from J. Loper and Stanley Holcombe for their costs incurred regarding the share program as soon as possible so distribution can be done.

A MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO WORK WITH STAFF REGARDING THE ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES INCURRED WITH THE SHARE PROGRAM BEFORE DISTRIBUTION IS MADE TO PARTICIPANTS, was made by M. Droege and seconded by S. Raybon; **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

C. McCullion advised that Employee Benefits is working on lost time paybacks now and he foresees a February/March distribution of the 2009 monies.

R. Glass will try and get copies of the wills for Gerald Kasper and Martin Pearce to confirm their beneficiaries.

e. **ORANGE COUNTY LOCAL DELEGATION MEETING**

The meeting is scheduled for December 13 and the share program is supposed to be on the agenda. Chief Miller and union representatives will speak to the delegation at that time.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rochelle Burlon

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Pension Coordinator