

Chairman R. Glass called the Firefighters' Pension Board Meeting to order on Thursday, March 20, 2008 at 8:15 a.m. 2nd floor, Conference Room R, City Hall at 400 S. Orange Avenue, Orlando, Florida. There was a quorum.

Members Present:

R. Glass, Chairman
J. Miller, Vice-Chair
M. Droege, Secretary
M. A. Garcia, Trustee
R. W. Sutton, Trustee

Also Present:

D. Jones, Executive Director
K. Laudeman, Dep. Executive Director
R. Burlon, Pension Coordinator
K. Zuccarini, Employee Benefits
Fire Chief J. Reynolds
Deanna Ward, Disability Applicant
J. Loper, Board Attorney
S. Hetz, Department Advocate

1 **DISABILITY HEARING FOR DEANNA WARD**

Chairman R. Glass advised that this was the time set for the application for line of duty disability pension of Deanna Ward. J. Loper went over the guidelines of the disability hearing. R. Glass informed all present that the hearing was being recorded and indicated that the applicant's package and the Board's IME would be accepted into evidence including all additions to the package and supplemental information filed. R. Glass recognized the Applicant D. Ward. Deanna Ward and Fire Chief James Reynolds were sworn in. Shannon Gridley Hetz, Department Advocate waived her opening statement. D. Ward testified. J. Loper asked questions of the applicant. R. Glass advised that the evidentiary phase of the hearing was closed. S. Hetz asked Chief Reynolds if there is a limited duty position without a reduction in pay or benefits within the Department. Chief Reynolds responded that there was no position available. **A MOTION THAT BASED UPON THE EVIDENCE AND TESTIMONY PROVIDED THAT A PERMANENT AND TOTAL DISABILITY, AS DEFINED BY THE FIRE PENSION PLAN, DOES EXIST,** was made by M. Droege and seconded by J. Miller; **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

A MOTION THAT BASED UPON THE EVIDENCE AND TESTIMONY PROVIDED THAT THE DISABILITY INJURY OCCURRED IN THE LINE OF DUTY was made by M. Droege and seconded by R. Sutton; **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

A MOTION THAT D. WARD DOES NOT QUALIFY FOR COLA BENEFITS SINCE SHE DOES NOT HAVE TWENTY OR MORE YEARS OF ACTUAL SERVICE AT THE TIME OF HER DISABILITY RETIREMENT was made by R. Glass and seconded by M. Droege; **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

5 **NEW/GENERAL APPEARANCE/OTHER BUSINESS**

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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