

Post 1983 Pension Board - Meeting Minutes

May 10, 2011

City Hall Caucus Room

Members present: Mayor Mark Boughton, Lt. Shaun McColgan, Det. Sgt. Mark Williams, Finance Director Dave St. Hilaire, and City Council member Phil Curran.

Absent: Det. Jim Hicks, Sophia Zaliros.

Also present: Corporation Counsel Dianne Rosemark, Personnel Director Ginny Alosco, and Attorney Kelly Rommel for Mr. DiBernadino.

Acting Secretary Lt. McColgan opened the meeting at 4:15 p.m. Mayor Boughton joined the meeting at 4:20 p.m.

Item #1: Consideration of second pension request of former PO DiBernadino and review of IME reports.

Motion by Mark Williams to accept IME reports, seconded by Phil Curran. The motion was approved by all.

Motion by Shaun McColgan to grant former Police Officer Vincent DiBernadino a work related disability pension, based on the IME reports, for a psychiatric disability, seconded by Mark Williams. The motion was approved by all.

Item#2: Work related disability pension application from PO Philip Cervone.

Motion by Phil Curran, seconded by Mark Williams, to accept the application from PO Cervone for a work related disability pension (left ulna nerve injury and lower back disc bulge / tearing, plus healed injuries; as stated on pension application form) and send him to two approved doctors for IME's. The motion was approved by all.

Item#3: Legal opinion pertaining to Post 1983 pension members while on peacekeeping activity leaves of absence (non-military).

Attorney Rosemark provided board members copies of her written opinion, and two cites, section 7-294aa of the CT General Statutes, and CBA# 2005-A-0801 between the union and the city. Specifically, as regards PO Peter Tragni's leave of absence for international peacekeeping duties and whether pension credits would accrue during his leave. It was determined that PO Tragni would not accrue pension credits during his leave of absence. A letter to PO Tragni, stating the same, and a copy of the written opinion will be sent to PO Tragni by the acting secretary.

Item#4: The hiring of Hooker and Holcombe for oversight services to the pension plan.

Motion by Phil Curran, seconded by Mark Williams, to hire Hooker and Holcombe Investment Advisors, Inc. to provide pension oversight to the Pension Board for a one year period, and then to be re-evaluated. The motion was approved by all.

Item#5: A motion to amend the agenda for today's meeting.

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A motion was made by Lt. McColgan to amend the agenda to add two additional items, the pension applications of PO's Roth and Strano. The motion was seconded by Phil Curran. The motion was approved by all.

Item#6: Pension application of PO Kevin Roth.

Motion made by Mark Williams, and seconded by Dave St. Hilaire, to accept the pension application of PO Roth. The motion was approved by all. Motion made by Mark Williams, and seconded by Dave St. Hilaire, to table the pension application of PO Roth to the next regular meeting, so he can clarify the type of pension he is requesting, based on his application and accompanying letter. The motion was approved by all. The acting secretary will contact PO Roth in writing to inform him of the board's decision.

Item#7: Pension application of PO Timothy Strano.

A motion was made by Phil Curran, seconded by Mark Williams, to accept the line of duty disability pension application of PO Strano (back injury), and send him to two doctors for IME's. The motion was approved by all.

Item#8: A motion to amend today's meeting.

A motion was made by Phil Curran, and seconded by Dave St. Hilaire, to amend the meeting agenda and add one additional item, a revision to the pension application form. The motion was approved by all.

Item#9: Revision to Post 1983 pension application form.

The Human Resources Department made a recommendation to the board that our pension application form be amended to include an applicant's phone number and an original date of injury for line of duty and non-job disability pension applications. A motion was made by Shaun McColgan to amend the application as noted, seconded by Phil Curran, and approved by all. Revision to be done by acting secretary and forwarded to Human Resources.

Motion to adjourn by Dave St. Hilaire and seconded by Phil Curran. The motion was approved by all.

Meeting concluded at approx. 5:30 pm.

Minutes recorded electronically by Lt. McColgan.

***** The next meeting of the board will be announced at a later date. *****