

ZION FIREMEN'S PENSION FUND

**1303 27th Street
Zion, IL 60099**

Minutes of the meeting of the Zion Firemen's Pension Board held on Tuesday, February 4, 2014 at 0900 at the Zion Fire and Rescue Department, Station 1, 1303 27th Street, Zion, Illinois 60099.

CALL TO ORDER: Board Member Allen Town called the meeting to order at 0855 hours.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: John Lewis, Rick Reich, and Allen Town.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Diane Burkemper and Michael Stried

VISITORS PRESENT: Carol Digman with Tree City Investments, Jerry Marzullo with PGM Law, and AJ Webber of Lauterbach & Amen LLP (L&A)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Minutes from the 11/05/13 meeting were presented for acceptance. With no further discussion, motion to approve minutes: Rick Reich 1st and Allen Town 2nd. Roll call: John Lewis – Aye, Rick Reich – Aye, and Allen Town – Aye. Motion carried.

INVESTMENTS

- Carol Digman distributed the Performance Report covering 01/01/13 through 12/31/13 showing a return of 10.97%. With no further discussion, motion to approve investment report: Rick Reich 1st and John Lewis 2nd. Roll call: John Lewis – Aye, Rick Reich – Aye, and Allen Town – Aye. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- Rick Reich gave report on bank activity and bills paid. Bills to be approved for payment are 1) mileage reimbursement for Michael Stried and 2) first quarter PGM attorney invoice. With no further discussion, motion to approve Treasurer's Report and pending bills mentioned above: Allen Town 1st and Rick Reich 2nd. Roll call: John Lewis – Aye, Rick Reich – Aye, and Allen Town – Aye. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

- Allen Town asked Jerry Marzullo on behalf of some of the firefighters about how to prepare for lifelong dependents with mental/physical disabilities. Jerry Marzullo referenced (40 ILCS 5/4-115.1) (from Ch. 108 1/2, par. 4-115.1) Sec. 4-115.1. Eligibility of children. Dependent benefits shall be paid to each natural child of a deceased firefighter, and to each child legally adopted, until the child's attainment of age 18 or marriage, whichever occurs first, whether or not the death of the firefighter occurred prior to November 21, 1975. Benefits payable to or on account of a child under this Article shall not be reduced or terminated by reason of the child's adoption by a third party after the firefighter's death.

OLD BUSINESS (continued)

Benefits payable to or on account of a child under this Article shall not be reduced or terminated by reason of the child's attainment of age 18 if he or she is then dependent by reason of a physical or mental disability but shall continue to be paid as long as such dependency continues. Individuals over the age of 18 and adjudged as a disabled person pursuant to Article XIa of the Probate Act of 1975, except for persons receiving benefits under Article III of the Illinois Public Aid Code, shall be eligible to receive benefits under this Act. (Source: P.A. 95-279, eff. 1-1-08.)

NEW BUSINESS

- Motion to approve 2014 COLA increase presented by L&A on 01/01/14: Rick Reich 1st and Allen Town 2nd. Roll call: John Lewis – Aye, Rick Reich – Aye, and Allen Town – Aye. Motion carried.
- AJ Webber of L&A presented the Monthly Financial Report as of 12/31/13.
- John Lewis stated everyone is good with training through April 30, 2014.
- Dale Colwell became eligible for Medicare in January 2014 and was not reflected on pension check. This will be corrected with February and March pension checks.

ATTORNEY

- Jerry Marzullo discussed current status of pension reform. Looking at possible reduction in COLAs which could be tricky to change and possibly unconstitutional. Other considerations for retirees will be healthcare. None affects Article 3 and 4 now. COLA settlement? Compromises? Possible 401K for new employees after 01/01/15?

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Next meeting scheduled for May 20, 2014 at 0900.
- No further comments.

ADJOURN

- No further discussion. Motion to adjourn at 0950 by Allen Town 1st and Rick Reich 2nd. Roll call: John Lewis – Aye, Rick Reich – Aye, and Allen Town – Aye. Meeting adjourned.

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See Attachments:

- Lauterbach & Amen, LLP Monthly Financial Report for Month Ended 12/31/13
- Tree City Investments, Inc. Performance Report for 01/01/13 through 12/31/13.