

**CORRECTED MINUTES  
ROCKFORD POLICE PENSION BOARD  
DECEMBER 19, 2019**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jeff Nielsen, President  
Marcia Mueller, VP  
Randy Berke, Assist. Secretary  
Scott Laue, Trustee

**ABSENT:** Joe Stevens, Secretary

**ALSO PRESENT:** Mike Piotrowski – Marquette Associates  
Roberta Holzwarth – HolmstromKennedy PC

**GUESTS:** None

**STAFF:** Allison Knox, Finance  
Carrie Hagerty, Finance Director

The December 19, 2019 Rockford Police Pension Board convened at City Hall 425 E. State St., Jeff Nielsen called the meeting to order 8:08 a.m.

Motion by Mueller and seconded by Berke to table the November 21, 2019 minutes of the Board meeting. APPROVED.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

NONE

**CASH & INVESTMENTS**

Piotrowski stated that the total value of the pension fund as of November 30 was \$202.3 million. The fund had a positive return for the month of November, up 1.3% on a net basis, brings the year-to-date the fund was positive 15.4%. For the month, US Equity markets were up 3.7%.

Motion by Mueller and seconded by Berke to approve the liquidation from Vanguard Value Index Fund in the amount of \$1,125,000, Vanguard Institutional Index Fund in the amount of \$1,600,000, Vanguard Mid-Cap Index Fund in the amount of \$925,000, and Kayne Anderson Rudnik Small-Cap Core Fund in the amount of \$1,900,000, Fidelity Diversified International Equity Fund in the amount of \$1,575,000, and Vanguard Emerging Markets Fund in the amount of \$425,000. The proceeds will be used as following: Northern Trust Intermediate Government Index Fund in the amount of \$600,000, \$1,100,000 to Segall Bryant & Hamill, \$1,350,000 to Principal Property Fund, \$100,000 to PIMCO All Asset Fund, and \$2,800,000 in cash to fund the cash needs for pension payments for December and January.

Ayes: Nielsen, Mueller, Berke, and Laue

Nays: None

Motion by Mueller and seconded by Berke to approve purchases and sales as attached to the agenda. APPROVED.

Ayes: Nielsen, Mueller, Berke, and Laue

Nays: None

## **CITY BILLS**

Motion by Mueller and seconded by Berke to approve November postage charges of \$89.96. APPROVED.

Ayes: Nielsen, Mueller, Berke, and Laue

Nays: None

Motion by Mueller and seconded by Berke to approve December City Services of \$6,700.00. APPROVED.

Ayes: Nielsen, Mueller, Berke, and Laue

Nays: None

Motion by Mueller and seconded by Berke to approve the revised November bill from HolmstromKennedyPC for general matters in the amount of \$1,800.00. APPROVED.

Ayes: Nielsen, Mueller, Berke, and Laue

Nays: None

Motion by Mueller and seconded by Berke to approve payment to HolmstromKennedyPC for the bill dated December 10, 2019 for general matters in the amount of \$2,891.25. APPROVED.

Ayes: Nielsen, Mueller, Berke, and Laue

Nays: None

Motion by Mueller and seconded by Berke to approve payment to HolmstromKennedyPC for the Matthew Krantz disability application dated November 7, 2019 as amended in the amount of \$697.50, including \$225.00 for subpoena fees. APPROVED.

Ayes: Nielsen, Mueller, Berke, and Laue

Nays: None

Motion by Mueller and seconded by Berke to approve payment to HolmstromKennedyPC for the bill dated December 10, 2019 Matthew Krantz disability application in the amount of \$1,731.56, including \$111.56 for medical record copies. APPROVED.

Ayes: Nielsen, Mueller, Berke, and Laue

Nays: None

## **ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

Attorney Holzwarth stated that the check for the Caitlin Cox reimbursement has been received. In addition, another letter has been sent to Richard Forsyth regarding repayment to the pension fund. Investigator Cabello had contacted Knox checking on his creditable service.

The Governor signed the bill for pension consolidation yesterday.

## OLD BUSINESS

Nielsen stated that the total **cost of city services** would go from \$80,400 to \$84,400. Ms. Hagerty explained that IMRF had a large increase in the employer contribution rate, which was due to them lowering their rate of return assumption.

Motion by Mueller and seconded by Berke to accept the letter from the City regarding charges for administrative services provided to the police pension fund in the amount of \$84,400 annually. APPROVED.

Ayes: Nielsen, Mueller, Berke, and Laue

Nays: None

Knox stated that she had received Ellen Burkett's affidavit **and still receiving pension benefits.**

For the James Etchingham creditable service transfer, Knox stated she had received the letter from their fund; it has been sent to Nyhart to do the true cost.

Knox stated there are a few **terminated employees who still have contributions that have not filed applications to receive a distribution from the fund.**

Motion by Mueller and seconded by Berke to approve the revised letter regarding "contributions left in fund" to be sent out to terminated participants of the police pension fund not eligible for retirement benefits. APPROVED.

Ayes: Nielsen, Mueller, Berke, and Laue

Nays: None

## NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Mueller and seconded by Berke to approve the first increase effective November 1, 2019 for Frank Ingardona in the amount of \$473.32/monthly \$3,979.43 and annual benefit of \$47,753.16. The Board retains jurisdiction of this matter for purposes of enforcing the Pension Code. APPROVED.

Ayes: Nielsen, Mueller, Berke, and Laue

Nays: None

Motion by Mueller and seconded by Berke to approve the first increase effective December 1, 2019 for Patrick Hoey in the amount of \$524.31/monthly \$7,756.21 and annual benefit of \$93,074.52. The Board retains jurisdiction of this matter for purposes of enforcing the Pension Code. APPROVED.

Ayes: Nielsen, Mueller, Berke, and Laue

Nays: None

Motion by Mueller and seconded by Berke to approve the first increase effective December 1, 2019 for Dennis Oblinger in the amount of \$193.36, a monthly benefit of \$6,638.59 and annual benefit of \$79,663.08. The Board retains jurisdiction of this matter for purposes of enforcing the Pension Code. APPROVED.

Ayes: Nielsen, Mueller, Berke, and Laue

Nays: None

Motion by Mueller and seconded by Berke to approve the first increase effective December 1, 2019 for Rosemary Mathews in the amount of \$417.22, a monthly benefit of \$5,632.49 and annual benefit of \$67,589.88. The Board retains jurisdiction of this matter for purposes of enforcing the Pension Code. APPROVED.

Ayes: Nielsen, Mueller, Berke, and Laue  
Nays: None

Motion by Mueller and seconded by Berke to approve the service pension to Gregory S. Ross effective January 4, 2020, subject to his termination for an initial benefit of \$6,132.46, a regular monthly benefit of \$6,789.51 and annual benefit of \$81,474.15. The Board retains jurisdiction of this matter for purposes of enforcing the Pension Code. APPROVED.

Ayes: Nielsen, Mueller, Berke, and Laue  
Nays: None

Motion by Mueller and seconded by Berke to approve the service pension to Timothy Eschen effective January 2, 2020, subject to his termination for an initial benefit of \$4,868.83, a regular monthly benefit of \$5,031.12 and annual benefit of \$60,373.39. The Board retains jurisdiction of this matter for purposes of enforcing the Pension Code. APPROVED.

Ayes: Nielsen, Mueller, Berke, and Laue  
Nays: None

Motion by Mueller and seconded by Laue to approve Jeff Nielsen as the Open Meetings Act (OMA) officer. APPROVED.

Ayes: Nielsen, Mueller, Berke, and Laue  
Nays: None

Motion by Mueller and seconded by Laue to approve Mary Johnson as the FOIA (Freedom of Information Act) officer. APPROVED.

Ayes: Nielsen, Mueller, Berke, and Laue  
Nays: None

## **PAYROLL**

Motion by Mueller and seconded by Laue to approve the December estimated payroll in the amount of \$1,580,528.24. The Board retains jurisdiction of this matter for purposes of enforcing the Pension Code. APPROVED.

Ayes: Nielsen, Mueller, Berke, and Laue  
Nays: None

Motion to adjourn was made and seconded at 9:19.