

MINUTES
ROCKFORD FIREFIGHTERS' PENSION FUND
June 16, 2022

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Rockford Firefighters' Pension Fund was held on Thursday, June 16, 2022, at 3:00 p.m. via video and teleconference, Rockford, Illinois, pursuant to notice.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. Upon a call of the roll, the following answered:

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| Alan Granite, President | Bill Beaman, Board Secretary |
| Carrie Hagerty, Trustee/City Finance Director | |
| Todd Monahan, Trustee (absent) | Michael White, Trustee, Trustee |

GUESTS: Attorney Carolyn Clifford, Ottosen DiNolfo

STAFF: Karla Hunter, Accountant

I. PUBLIC COMMENT – None

II. MINUTES

The minutes of the regular May 19, 2022, meeting were tabled until the July meeting.

Six-month review of closed session minutes:

- A motion was made by Alan Granite, seconded by Carrie Hagerty, seconded by Mike White to keep closed minutes closed. A roll call vote was taken:

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| Ayes: | Alan Granite | Bill Beaman |
| | Carrie Hagerty | Michael White |
| Nays: | None | |
| Absent: | Todd Monahan | |

III. APPROVAL OF APPLICATIONS/PENSION CHANGES

Scott Moeller has submitted his application for a service pension retiring July 2, 2022. He will have served 27 years and 4 months upon retirement. He is entitled to a monthly pension of \$6,421.59 or an annual pension of \$77,059.05. A motion was made by Bill Beaman, seconded by Mike White, to approve the service pension application. A roll call vote was taken:

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| Ayes: | Alan Granite | Bill Beaman |
| | Carrie Hagerty | Michael White |
| Nays: | None | |
| Absent: | Todd Monahan | |

Mike Beier has made application for a refund of his pension fund contributions. The amount of the refund is \$19,934.30. Mike White made a motion, seconded by Bill Beaman, to grant the refund request of pension contributions in the amount of \$19,934.30. A roll call vote was taken:

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| Ayes: | Alan Granite | Bill Beaman |
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Nays: Carrie Hagerty Michael White
Absent: None
Todd Monahan

Andrea Cappriotti has made application for a refund of his pension fund contributions. The amount of the refund is \$1,680.35. Carrie Hagerty made a motion, seconded by Bill Beaman, to grant the refund request of pension contributions in the amount of \$1,680.35. A roll call vote was taken:

Ayes: Alan Granite Bill Beaman
Carrie Hagerty Michael White
Nays: None
Absent: Todd Monahan

Luke Schneider has made application for a refund of his pension fund contributions. The amount of the refund is \$79,728.30. Carrie Hagerty made a motion, seconded by Bill Beaman, to grant the refund request of pension contributions in the amount of \$79,728.30. A roll call vote was taken:

Ayes: Alan Granite Bill Beaman
Carrie Hagerty Michael White
Nays: None
Absent: Todd Monahan

IV. DISBURSEMENTS

The warrant for June 16, 2022, was presented in the amount of \$1,994,737.74. A motion was made by Mike White, seconded by Carrie Hagerty, to approve the disbursement warrant. A roll call vote was taken:

Ayes: Alan Granite Bill Beaman
Carrie Hagerty Michael White
Nays: None
Absent: Todd Monahan

IV. CASH & INVESTMENTS

The FPIF Monthly Investment Summary (April 2022) and FPIF Statement of Results (April 2022) were presented. According to the Statement of Results, the Fund has a net loss of -5.94% for April and -11.16% YTD. It also contained an adjustment of -\$41,053.48 that was due to a misstatement of value of assets transferred in January for another Article 4 fund. A motion was made by Michael White, seconded by Carrie Hagerty, to accept the Statement of Results as presented. A roll call vote was taken:

Ayes: Alan Granite Bill Beaman
Carrie Hagerty Michael White
Nays: None
Absent: Todd Monahan

According to the Monthly Investment Summary our 10-year return against the benchmark is pretty good. Bonds have a price and a yield. The fund of 35% in a class that will lose money for the next 18 months. Stocks will bounce back and cover those losses as more people continue to invest. A motion was made by Al Granite, seconded by Carrie Hagerty to accept the Investment Summary as presented. A roll call vote was taken:

Ayes: Alan Granite Bill Beaman
Carrie Hagerty Michael White
Nays: None
Absent: Todd Monahan

The Board discussed delaying sending money to the consolidated fund for now until the Board adopts an administrative procedure for regular sweeping of funds to FPIF. The Board will revisit the issue in July. A motion was made by Mike White, seconded by Carrie Hagerty to defer the sweeping of funds until the July meeting. A roll call vote was taken:

Ayes: Alan Granite Bill Beaman
Carrie Hagerty Michael White
Nays: None
Absent: Todd Monahan

V. OLD BUSINESS

Edward Sobczyk Disability Application – Review and Possible Action – City’s Petition to Intervene

All three IME physician reports have been received. The IME physicians have asked for additional records and test results. A request was made on May 24th to Swedish American Hospital to be received by June 8th; but the documents have not been received yet. A petition to intervene has been received from the City. A motion was made by Trustee Mike White, seconded by Carrie Hagerty to go into closed session at 3:54 p.m. under 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(4) of the Open Meetings Act. A roll call vote was taken:

Ayes: Alan Granite Bill Beaman
Carrie Hagerty Michael White
Nays: None
Absent: Todd Monahan

Open session resumed at 4:01 p.m.

A motion was made by Trustee Mike White, seconded by Carrie Hagerty to allow the City to intervene with the caveat that the City cannot delay or change the hearing date. A roll call vote was taken:

Ayes: Alan Granite Bill Beaman
Carrie Hagerty Michael White
Nays: None
Absent: Todd Monahan

Review/Possible Action – Termination of Investment Professionals and Custodial Agreements – The Board agreed to continue to hold off on terminating relationships with investment managers and custodian until clarity on the consolidation litigation is reached.

Annual IME Status – Gustafson and Chanthaphone – Records are being gathered for Gustafson. Chanthaphone is willing to coordinate with the IME physician when he visits Rockford.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Status of DOI Annual Statement – A motion was made by Trustee Mike White, seconded by Carrie Hagerty to accept the Annual DOI statement as presented. A roll call vote was taken:

Ayes: Alan Granite Bill Beaman
Carrie Hagerty Michael White
Nays: None
Absent: Todd Monahan

Status of Actuarial Valuation – Carrie stated that she had a phone conference with the actuaries. They are working toward making moves to align with the consolidated fund. We are waiting on final numbers, and they will be shared once they are provided. We will also schedule time for them to present information at an upcoming meeting.

Status of City Audit – The audit may be about a week late.

Affidavit Policy/info – We have received 147/338. The deadline is to have the affidavits returned to the Fund by August 12th. One of our pensioners is out of the country and requested permission to have an electronic affidavit sent to him in an effort to be able to get it “notarized” and return it from his location in Spain. The board is willing to give the pensioner an extension until the end of September.

VII. TRAINING

Status of Litigation – Arlington Heights PPF v. Pritzker – There will likely be a motion to stay on June 23rd, but this won’t disrupt anything from continuing to proceed.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Michael White made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Bill Beaman. Motion carried and meeting was adjourned at 4:42 p.m. A roll call vote was taken:

Ayes: Alan Granite Michael White
Bill Beaman
Nays: None
Absent: Carrie Hagerty Todd Monahan

Next regular meeting is July 21, 2022, at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Prepared by:

Bill Beaman, Board Secretary

Karla Hunter, Staff

Date

Date

Approved by the Board of Trustees at its July 21, 2022, meeting.