

**CORRECTED MINUTES  
ROCKFORD POLICE PENSION BOARD  
OCTOBER 20, 2022**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Marcia Mueller, Vice President                      **ABSENT:** Jeff Nielsen  
Joe Stevens, Secretary  
Randy Berke, Assist. Secretary  
Scott Laue, Trustee (arrived 8:10 a.m.)

**ALSO PRESENT:**                      Roberta Holzwarth – HolmstromKennedy PC

**GUESTS:**                                      None

**STAFF:**                                      Karla Hunter, Finance  
Carrie Hagerty, Finance Director  
Angela Hammer, City Attorney

The October 20, 2022 Rockford Police Pension Board convened at City Hall 425 E. State St., Marcia Mueller called the meeting to order 8:08 a.m.

Motion by Stevens and seconded by Berke to approve the September 15, 2022 minutes of the Board meeting as amended. APPROVED.

**CITY BILLS**

Motion by Stevens and seconded by Berke to approve September postage charges of \$85.42. APPROVED.

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

Motion by Stevens and seconded by Berke to approve October City Services of \$5,275.00. APPROVED.

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

Motion by Stevens and seconded by Berke to approve payment to HolmstromKennedyPC for September attorney fees for general matters in the amount of \$2,250.00. APPROVED.

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

Motion by Stevens and seconded by Berke to approve the payment to HolmstromKennedyPC for September attorney fees for the disability application for Michael Landgraff for services rendered in the amount of \$270.00. APPROVED.

Ayes: Mueller, Stevens, Berke, and Laue

Nays: None

Motion by Stevens and seconded by Berke to approve the payment to HolmstromKennedyPC for September attorney fees for the consolidation of funds into the Illinois Police Officer Pension Investment Fund (IPOPIF) in the amount of \$450.00. APPROVED.

Ayes: Mueller, Stevens, Berke, and Laue

Nays: None

Motion by Stevens and seconded by Berke to approve the payment to HolmstromKennedyPC for September attorney fees for the disability application for Katherine Anderson for services rendered in the amount of \$3,577.50 and \$250.00 in disbursements (court reporting). APPROVED.

Ayes: Mueller, Stevens, Berke, and Laue

Nays: None

Motion by Stevens and seconded by Berke to approve the payment to HolmstromKennedyPC for September attorney fees for the Annual Medical Reviews for 2022 in the amount of \$742.50. APPROVED.

Ayes: Mueller, Stevens, Berke, and Laue

Nays: None

Motion by Stevens and seconded by Berke to approve the payment to HolmstromKennedyPC for September attorney fees for the Robert Cure disability application in the amount of \$2,812.50 for services and \$261.16 in disbursements. APPROVED.

Ayes: Mueller, Stevens, Berke, and Laue

Nays: None

Motion by Stevens and seconded by Berke to approve the payment to Rockford Pain Center Ltd for Christine Whisenand IME (Dr. Dahlberg 8/16/2022) in the amount of \$231.00. APPROVED.

Ayes: Mueller, Stevens, Berke, and Laue

Nays: None

Motion by Stevens and seconded by Berke to approve the payment to Woodlake Medical for Sara Ahrens IME (Dr. Chapman 8/29/2022) in the amount of \$2,130.00. APPROVED.

Ayes: Mueller, Stevens, Berke, and Laue

Nays: None

Motion by Stevens and seconded by Berke to approve the payment to Woodlake Medical for Michael Landgraff IME (Dr. Weiss 8/26/2022) in the amount of \$2,630.00. APPROVED.

Ayes: Mueller, Stevens, Berke, and Laue

Nays: None

Motion by Stevens and seconded by Berke to approve the payment to Woodlake Medical for Matthew Krantz IME (Dr. Chapman 9/1/2022) in the amount of \$2,730.00. APPROVED.

Ayes: Mueller, Stevens, Berke, and Laue

Nays: None

Motion by Stevens and seconded by Berke to approve the payment to Woodlake Medical for Phillip Statler IME (Dr. Chapman 9/12/2022) in the amount of \$1,930.00. APPROVED.

Ayes: Mueller, Stevens, Berke, and Laue

Nays: None

Motion by Stevens and seconded by Berke to approve the payment to Woodlake Medical for Michael Landgraff IME (Dr. Koehler 9/30/2022) in the amount of \$2,444.55. APPROVED.

Ayes: Mueller, Stevens, Berke, and Laue

Nays: None

Motion by Stevens and seconded by Berke to approve the payment for IPPFA Membership dues from January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 in the amount of \$795.00. APPROVED.

Ayes: Mueller, Stevens, Berke, and Laue

Nays: None

Motion by Stevens and seconded by Berke to approve the reimbursement to Diana Morris (David Harmon) for her over payment to the pension fund in the amount of \$150.00. APPROVED.

Ayes: Mueller, Stevens, Berke, and Laue

Nays: None

### **ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

Motion by Stevens and seconded by Berke to accept the Tax Levy funding letter with the revised date of October 20, 2022, requesting the amount of \$11,989,318.00 as shown on the Nyhart Actuarial study for 2022. APPROVED.

Ayes: Mueller, Stevens, Berke, and Laue

Nays: None

Attorney Holzwarth stated she is comfortable using Nyhart's recommendation for using 7.1% as the rate of assumption for the Tax Levy funding letter. Counsel mentioned that the Illinois Police Officer Pension Investment Fund (IPOPIF) adopted the assumption rate of 6.8%.

Attorney Holzwarth stated the City had entered a Petition to Intervene **in the Sergeant Cure matter**. Notice was provided to Robert Cure's counsel of the Petition to Intervene for his disability application.

Motion by Stevens and seconded by Berke to grant the City's Petition to Intervene in regards to the disability application for Robert Cure. APPROVED.

Ayes: Mueller, Stevens, Berke, and Laue

Nays: None

Counsel for the police pension board recommended holding off on sending out managers termination letters.

Motion by Stevens and seconded by Berke to approve two changes to the letter for surviving spouses who may be eligible under Section 3-120c of Illinois Statute to receive a pension, 1) add the date in which the package needs to be returned to Karla and 2) to change the title of the application, in number one on page two and change retirement to Section 3-120c. APPROVED.

Ayes: Mueller, Stevens, Berke, and Laue

Nays: None

Motion by Stevens and seconded by Berke to approve the application for Section 3-120c Pension Surviving Spouse form. APPROVED.

Ayes: Mueller, Stevens, Berke, and Laue

Nays: None

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Motion by Stevens and seconded by Berke to approve annual physical examinations and continue payment of disability benefits for Sarah Ahrens, Matthew Krantz, Aaron Lesmeister, Philip Statler and Christina Whisenand. The Board retains jurisdiction of this matter for purposes of enforcing the Pension Code. APPROVED.

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Ayes: Mueller, Stevens, Berke, and Laue

Nays: None

Attorney Holzwarth stated the status of the litigation regarding the lawsuit for the pension consolidation is on appeal.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Motion by Stevens and seconded by Berke to approve the first pension increase for Heidi Hackbarth effective October 1, 2022 for a monthly increase amount of \$711.25 and a monthly benefit of \$6,079.14/\$72,948.68 annually. The Board retains jurisdiction of this matter for purposes of enforcing the Pension Code. APPROVED.

Ayes: Mueller, Stevens, Berke, and Laue

Nays: None

Motion by Stevens and seconded by Berke to approve the first pension increase for Robert Veruchi effective October 1, 2022 for a monthly increase amount of \$418.16, and a monthly benefit of \$6,391.92/\$76,703.04 annually. The Board retains jurisdiction of this matter for purposes of enforcing the Pension Code. APPROVED.

Ayes: Mueller, Stevens, Berke, and Laue

Nays: None

## **PAYROLL**

Motion by Stevens and seconded by Berke to approve the October estimated payroll in the amount of \$1,925,151.39. The Board retains jurisdiction of this matter for purposes of enforcing the Pension Code. APPROVED.

Ayes: Mueller, Stevens, Berke, and Laue

Nays: None

Motion to adjourn was made and seconded at 9:15 a.m.