

**AMENDED MINUTES
ROCKFORD POLICE PENSION BOARD
JANUARY 21, 2016**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jeff Nielsen, President
Marcia Mueller, V.P.
Joe Stevens, Secretary
Paul Swanberg, Assist. Secretary
Scott Laue, Trustee

ABSENT:

ALSO PRESENT: Roberta Holzwarth - Holmstrom & Kennedy
Mike Piotrowski – Marquette Associates

GUESTS: NONE

STAFF: Linda Wlaznik, Finance
Chris Black, Finance Director
Julia Valdez, Human Resources Director

The January 21, 2016 Rockford Police Pension Board convened at City Hall 425 E. State St., Jeff Nielsen called the meeting to order at 8:09 a.m.

Motion by Mueller and seconded by Laue to approve the December 17, 2015 minutes of the Board meeting as amended. APPROVED.

PUBLIC COMMENT

NONE

CASH & INVESTMENT REPORT

Piotrowski reported that the fund had a slight loss for the month of December, primarily driven by the equity markets. As of December 31, 2015 the fund was at \$171,990,979. The portfolio is in compliance. Page 4 of the handout illustrates the annualized performance net of fees. Piotrowski reviewed the investment managers' performance for 2015. It was a very strong year for real estate, but Piotrowski stated he does not expect the principal returns to be that high for next year. The PIMCO asset fund was down 8.7% and REITs outperformed the broad equity markets.

Motion by Mueller and seconded by Laue to approve purchases and sales. APPROVED.

Ayes: Nielsen, Mueller, Stevens, Swanberg, and Laue

Nays: None

CITY BILLS

Motion by Mueller and seconded by Laue to approve January City Services of \$8,875.25. APPROVED.

Ayes: Nielsen, Mueller, Stevens, Swanberg, and Laue

Nays: None

The board discussed the reduction and allocation percentage of the City Services bill.

Motion by Mueller and seconded by Laue to approve December postage charges of \$137.06. APPROVED.

Ayes: Nielsen, Mueller, Stevens, Swanberg, and Laue

Nays: None

Motion by Mueller and seconded by Laue to approve payment to Holmstrom Kennedy, P.C. for December attorney fees for general in the amount of \$832.50. APPROVED.

Ayes: Nielsen, Mueller, Stevens, Swanberg, and Laue

Nays: None

Motion by Mueller and seconded by Laue to approve payment to Holmstrom Kennedy, P.C. for December attorney fees for services regarding annual medical reviews in the amount of \$270.00 and \$6,051.00 for reimbursements for the medical reviews. APPROVED.

Ayes: Nielsen, Mueller, Stevens, Swanberg, and Laue

Nays: None

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Holzwarth reported that all of the disability pensioner exams were completed for 2015. There was an **initial** question regarding **the physician's decision** on a pensioner's status, but the examining physician for Mark Honzel **clarified that he** still considers him to be disabled.

Motion by Mueller and seconded by Laue to approve the 2015 annual examinations for the disabled recipients as shown on the spreadsheet which includes; Sara Ahrens, Holly Berke, Peter Drnek, Mark Honzel, Aaron Lesmeister, Amado Soria, Philip Statler, Mark Valedéz, and Christina Whisenand; and confirm they remain disabled. APPROVED.

Ayes: Nielsen, Mueller, Stevens, Swanberg, and Laue

Nays: None

NEW BUSINESS

Wlaznik stated that due to the 2% increase for exempt employees, three officers that retired in 2015 are entitled to retroactive pay and an adjustment to their pension.

Motion by Mueller and seconded by Laue to approve the increase in pension for Dane Person to \$77,318.28 annually or \$6,443.19/month due to the 2% increase in cost of living for all exempt employees for 2015. The Board retains jurisdiction of this matter for purposes of enforcing the Pension Code. APPROVED.

Ayes: Nielsen, Mueller, Stevens, Swanberg, and Laue

Nays: None

Motion by Mueller and seconded by Laue to approve the retro pay for Dane Person in the amount of \$1,487.79. The Board retains jurisdiction of this matter for purposes of enforcing the Pension Code. APPROVED.

Ayes: Nielsen, Mueller, Stevens, Swanberg, and Laue

Nays: None

Motion by Mueller and seconded by Laue to approve the increase in pension for Chester Epperson to \$105,097.20 annually or **\$8,758.10/month** due to the 2% increase in cost of living for all exempt employees for 2015. The Board retains jurisdiction of this matter for purposes of enforcing the Pension Code. APPROVED.

Ayes: Nielsen, Mueller, Stevens, Swanberg, and Laue
Nays: None

Motion by Mueller and seconded by Laue to approve the retro pay for Chester Epperson in the amount of \$268.84. The Board retains jurisdiction of this matter for purposes of enforcing the Pension Code.

APPROVED.

Ayes: Nielsen, Mueller, Stevens, Swanberg, and Laue
Nays: None

Motion by Mueller and seconded by Laue to approve the increase in pension for John Eau Claire to \$72,887.36 annually or \$6,073.95 due to the 2% increase in cost of living for all exempt employees for 2015. The Board retains jurisdiction of this matter for purposes of enforcing the Pension Code.

APPROVED.

Ayes: Nielsen, Mueller, Stevens, Swanberg, and Laue
Nays: None

Motion by Mueller and seconded by Laue to approve the retro pay for John Eau Claire in the amount of \$443.93. The Board retains jurisdiction of this matter for purposes of enforcing the Pension Code.

APPROVED.

Ayes: Nielsen, Mueller, Stevens, Swanberg, and Laue
Nays: None

Motion by Mueller and seconded by Laue to approve the annual 3% increase for service retirees in the amount of \$28,025.91 **as reflected on the list presented to the Board**. The Board retains jurisdiction of this matter for purposes of enforcing the Pension Code. APPROVED.

Ayes: Mueller, Stevens, Swanberg, and Laue
Nays: None
Abstain: Nielsen

Motion by Mueller and seconded by Laue to approve the annual 3% increase on original pension for disability retirees in the amount of \$791.49 **as reflected on the list presented to the Board**. The Board retains jurisdiction of this matter for purposes of enforcing the Pension Code. APPROVED.

Ayes: Nielsen, Mueller, Stevens, Swanberg, and Laue
Nays: None

PAYROLL

Motion by Mueller and seconded by Laue to approve the January estimated payroll amount of \$1,312,793.09. The Board retains jurisdiction of this matter for purposes of enforcing the Pension Code.

Ayes: Nielsen, Mueller, Stevens, Swanberg, and Laue
Nays: None

Motion to adjourn was made and seconded at 9:16 a.m.