

**Board of Trustees  
ELMHURST FIREFIGHTERS' PENSION FUND**

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
May 13, 2015**

**I. Meeting Called to Order**

Craig Burda, President, called the meeting to order at 8:33 a.m. at Elmhurst City Hall, 209 N. York Street, Elmhurst, IL.

**II. Roll Call**

The following members were present at the meeting: President Craig Burda, Trustee Dick Dufort, Paul Nolte, Mike Caccitolo and David Dyer. Also present at the meeting were Sawyer Falduto Representatives Tom Sawyer and John Falduto, Assurance Agency Representative Anthony Way, and Cook Castle Representative Greg Kiesewetter.

**III. Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

**IV. Approval of minutes for February 11, 2015 meeting.**

The Board reviewed the minutes from the February 11, 2015 regular meeting and a motion was made by Trustee Nolte to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Trustee Dyer. A voice vote followed. Motion carried.

**V. Fiduciary Insurance Presentation—Assurance**

Anthony Way of The Assurance Agency gave a presentation of the \$1,000,000 fiduciary liability policy unwritten by ULICO which is an insurance company that specializes in pension liability. The carrier is rated A15, which is the highest rating. This policy has no deductible and defense costs are included in the \$1,000,000 umbrella. Assurance writes policies for St. Charles Fire, Oak Brook Terrace, Zion Fire, Worth, Elmhurst, Manhattan and Justice.

**Fiduciary Insurance Presentation—Cook Castle**

Greg Kiesewetter from Cook Castle Associates gave a presentation of the fiduciary liability policy unwritten by Euclid Specialty. Euclid is an A15 rated insurance company. Mr. Kiesewetter gave a brief overview of the policy coverages and answered specific questions from the Board relating to the defense policy. This policy allows the Board selection of legal counsel and an option to settle claims. Mr. Kiesewetter stated ULICO (the underwriter for the Assurance policy) is in receivership in Delaware. This may affect the carrier's ability to pay claims in a timely manner. Cook Castle writes policies for Addison Fire, Waukegan Fire and Lockport Fire.

After much discussion, a motion was made Trustee Nolte and seconded by Trustee Dufort to accept the premium quote from Cook Castle Associates in the amount of

\$4,627 for the \$1,000,000 fiduciary liability insurance policy effective June 1, 2015. A voice vote followed. Motion carried.

**VI. Approval of Treasurer's Report**

The Board reviewed the Treasurer's Report as of April 30, 2015 and a motion was made by Trustee Dyer to approve the report. The motion was seconded was Trustee Nolte. A voice vote followed. Motion carried.

**VII. Presentation of Bills**

The Board reviewed the Illinois Professional Firefighters Association dues invoice and the legal billing from Reimer, Dobrovlny & Karlson for the Hedman disability pension as presented for payment. A motion was made by Trustee Dufort to authorize payment of presented bills. The motion was seconded by Trustee Nolte. A voice vote followed. Motion carried.

**VIII. Cash and Investments**

Tom Sawyer and John Falduto gave the Board an overview of the status of accountings since the transition from MB Financial to Sawyer Falduto. As of the meeting, the Schwab account has been funded with \$31,000,000 in assets with \$5-6,000,000 remaining to be transferred and one mutual fund that has to be sold. John Falduto stated the next step is to rearrange the "furniture" in the portfolio.

John Falduto reviewed the current Investment Policy with the Board, which allows for 55% in equities and 45% in fixed income, and stated the Investment Policy needs to be updated. The Board discussed the finite changes that have been made to the Investment Policy since it was last updated. Trustee Nolte stated that he would peruse the old minutes and compile a list of changes that need to be incorporated into the revised Investment Policy. Lauren Wulf stated she will put the minutes in a zip file and email to Trustee Nolte.

**IX. Old Business**

Trustee Caccitolo reported that all of the affidavits of eligibility have been returned except for Robert Gallas. The Board instructed Lauren Wulf to send out a certified letter to Mr. Gallas stating that his inaction may result in a consideration of suspension of benefits.

Trustee Caccitolo stated that Trustee Dufort received the only nomination for the open trustee position therefore an election was not necessary.

Trustee Caccitolo stated that Attorney Reimer's office reported that there has been little action in the Hedman disability pension. Reimer's office is still awaiting medical records.

### **New Business**

The Board reviewed the pension benefits statements for retiring firefighters Steven Boyd and Robert Vajdik. Trustee Caccitolo made a motion to approve and sign the personnel change form for Steven Boyd and Robert Vajdik acknowledging the changes in benefits due to the retroactivity of the new firefighter's contract pending ratification by the union body and the City of Elmhurst. The motion was seconded by Trustee Dyer. A voice vote followed. Motion carried.

The Board discussed the retroactive pension increase for retired Lt. John Morse. Trustee Caccitolo stated Lt. Morse is eligible for a 2 ½% increase in benefits due to the new firefighter's contract. Trustee Nolte made a motion to authorize the retroactive back pay and increase in pension benefits pending ratification of contract. The motion was seconded by Trustee Dyer. A voice vote followed. Motion carried.

### **X. Executive Session Matters**

There were no executive session matters.

### **XI. Adjournment**

A motion was made by Trustee Nolte to adjourn the meeting at 10:03 a.m. The motion was seconded by Trustee Dyer. A voice vote followed. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Caccitolo  
Secretary