

May 18, 2011
Regular Meeting Board of Fire Commissioners

The regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners was held on the above date.

President Rosenberg called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Present: President Rosenberg, Vice President Ana Garcia, Commissioners Klein, Lee, Meszoros, Rodriguez and Fire Chief Rooney

Absent: Commissioner Doris G. Garcia

Commissioner Meszoros motioned to dispense with reading the minutes of the previous meeting; Commissioner Ana Garcia seconded and the Board passed it unanimously.

Old Business

1. Commissioner Klein motioned to grant a Widow's Line of Duty Disability Pension request to Antoinette Piantedosi, widow of Retired FF Anthony P. Piantedosi, effective March 6, 2011 and refer to the Board of Trustees, Pension Plan, for implementation; Commissioner Ana Garcia seconded and the Board passed it unanimously.

2. Local 834-Grievance 2011-9; FF Frank Perugini, Vacation Day.

Union President Whitbread reported the grievance was resolved.

New Business

1. Communications:

a. None.

2. Commissioner Meszoros motioned to grant a Widow's Pension request to Carol A. Butterworth, widow of Retired Superintendent of Alarms John Butterworth, effective April 3, 2011 and refer to the Board of Trustees, Pension Plan A, for implementation; Commissioner Ana Garcia seconded and the Board passed it unanimously.

3. Commissioner Ana Garcia motioned to remove Retired FF William F. Plavnicky, Sr., deceased May 5, 2011, from the Fire Fighter's Pension list, and refer to the Board of Trustees, Pension Plan A, for implementation; Commissioner Meszoros seconded and the Board passed it unanimously.

4. Commissioner Klein motioned to remove Louise Whaley, deceased April 30, 2011, from the Widow's Pension list and refer to the Board of Trustees, Pension Plan A, for implementation; Commissioner Ana Garcia seconded and the Board passed it unanimously.

5. Commissioner Klein motioned to approve a Line of Duty Disability Pension Request for P/Inspector Robert McNelis, effective 2400 hours, May 13, 2011 and refer to the Board of Trustees, Pension Plan B, for implementation; Commissioner Meszoros seconded and the Board passed it unanimously.

6. Local 834-Grievance 2011-12; Time off not Granted.

Commissioner Klein motioned to table the grievance to June; Commissioner Ana Garcia seconded and the Board passed it unanimously.

7. Local 834-Grievance 2011-13; FF Robert Gaito, Article 5, Disciplinary Action.

Union President Whitbread reported that the grievance will be moved to the State level.

8. Local 834-Grievance 2011-14; FF Maurice Barnes, Article 5, Disciplinary Action.

Commissioner Klein motioned to table the grievance to June; Commissioner Meszoros seconded and the Board passed it unanimously.

9. Executive Session for attendance review of the following individuals:

a. LT Frank Mercaldi (B)

Commissioner Meszoros motioned to go into executive session at 6:05 p.m.; Commissioner Klein seconded and the Board passed it unanimously.

Commissioner Klein motioned to end executive session at 6:24 p.m.; Commissioner Meszoros seconded and the Board passed it unanimously.

Commissioner Klein motioned to table the matter to the June meeting; Commissioner Lee seconded and the Board passed it unanimously.

b. FF Mark Bigard (B) – Executive Session waived.

President Rosenberg referred to the doctor's letter dated April 22, 2011 and stated that it seemed as though FF Bigard just had a treatment and needs to wait another four weeks after that treatment before he may be able to return to work and asked if that was correct.

FF Bigard responded that he didn't receive his second treatment on the 13th and he will now receive it on June 1st which puts him at the four to six week mark between each treatment. Commissioner Klein asked if it would be another four weeks after that before he could come back and FF Bigard responded yes, that was correct.

Commissioner Klein motioned to table the matter to the July meeting; Commissioner Klein seconded and the Board passed it unanimously.

- c. FF Autumn Waggoner (B) – Executive Session waived.

FF Waggoner reported that she knows that she has a fracture behind her knee cap, but doesn't know anything more, but is scheduled to see her doctor tomorrow. She further stated that her due date is the end of July or August.

Commissioner Klein motioned to table the matter to the August meeting; Commissioner Ana Garcia seconded and the Board passed it unanimously.

- d. FF Anibal Hernandez (B) – Full Duty on 5/18/11

- e. LT Joseph Southard (B) – Executive Session waived.

Lt Southard reported that he was feeling good, but still has to go back for tests. His next appointments are May 31 and June 28, 2011.

Commissioner Lee motioned to table the matter to the July meeting; Commissioner Klein seconded and the Board passed it unanimously.

10. Commissioner Klein motioned to accept the Report of Sick and Injury; Commissioner Ana Garcia seconded and the Board passed it unanimously.

11. Commissioner Meszoros motioned to accept the Payroll Register; Commissioner Ana Garcia seconded and the Board passed it unanimously.

12. Policy and Procedure review.

- a. Review of revisions to Rules and Regulations.

Chief Rooney distributed to the Commissioners revised Rules and Regulations to review and vote on at the June meeting if everyone feels they are okay. A copy was also given to Union President Whitbread.

13. There being nothing further to come before the Board, Commissioner Meszoros motioned to adjourn the meeting; Commissioner Klein seconded and the Board passed it unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.