

Jun 19, 2013

Regular Meeting Board of Fire Commissioners

President Klein called the meeting to order at 6:09 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Present: President J. Klein, Commissioners, J. Meszoros, and W. Marshall;
D/C Petrucelli, LT Gardiner

Absent: M. Lee

Mayor Bill Finch sworn in Probationary Fire Captain Frank Falanga.

President Klein announced that Commissioner Doris Gaskin-Garcia handed in her resignation, effective 6/12/13. Commissioner Lee stated that she will turn her resignation in next week.

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

Old Business:

Attorney John Mitola stated that according to Robert's Rules a quorum is considered a majority. At the present time, there are 4 commissioners, so 3 present would represent a majority.

- 1) Local 834-Grievance 2011-24; LT Marc Strickland, Retirement Benefits.

Union President Robert Whitbread stated that the contract has not been signed yet and an MPP (Prohibited Municipal Practice) has been filed with the State, which is scheduled to be heard sometime in July. The question is: which contract did he retire under. Mr. Strickland is being paid but the issue is the insurance rate that he is paying. President Whitbread agreed that this can be taken off the agenda at the present time. Mr. Strickland to inform Commissioners when there is a resolution.

Commissioner Marshall motioned to table this until the MPP is resolved or until the contract is signed; Commissioner Meszoros seconded and the Board passed it unanimously.

- 2) Local 834-Grievance 2012-13; Class Action, Days Off for Captain Exam.

Been moved to State Labor Board per Union President Whitbread.

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- 3) Local 834-Grievance 2012-18; FF John Herring, Article 5, Disciplinary Action.
- 4) Local 834-Grievance 2013-1; FF Joel Christy, Article 5, Disciplinary Action.
- 5) Local 834-Grievance 2013-3; FF Isaias Rodriguez, Transfer.
- 6) Local 834-Grievance 2013-6; Class Action OT D-Shift 12-24-12.
- 7) Local 834-Grievance 2013-7; Class Action OT A-Shift 12-24-12.
- 8) Local 834-Grievance 2013-8; Class Action OT BOFC Appearances.
- 9) Local 834-Grievance 2013-2; LT Lee Taylor, Car Use.
- 10) Local 834-Grievance 2013-11; Ronald Morales Pension.
- 11) Local 834-Grievance 2013-12; Frank Gerardi Pension.
- 12) Local 934 Grievance 2013-9; Class Action, Docking Pay Checks.

President Robert Whitbread spoke with Chief Rooney (both in agreement) and asked that all remaining Grievances be tabled until next month. Philip White from Labor Relations not in attendance.

Commissioner Meszoros motioned to table all grievances to next month; Commissioner Marshall seconded and the Board passed it unanimously.

Communications:

None.

New Business:

- 1) Swearing in of Probationary Fire Captain Frank Falanga.
- 2) Entertain a motion to remove Retired Fire Captain Robert Emmett Miller III, deceased May 21, 2013, from the Firefighter's Pension list and refer to the Board of Trustees, Pension Plan A, for implementation.

Commissioner Meszoros motioned to grant this request; Commissioner Marshall seconded; the Board passed this unanimously.

- 3) Entertain a motion to grant a Widow's Pension request to Nancy Miller, widow of retired Fire Captain Robert E. Miller III, effective May 22, 2013 and refer to the Board of Trustees, Pension Plan A, for implementation.

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Commissioner Marshall motioned to grant this request; Commissioner Meszoros seconded; the Board passed this unanimously.

- 4) Entertain a motion to remove Retired FF Ralph E. Johnson, deceased May 31, 2013, from the Firefighter's Pension list and refer to the Board of Trustees, Pension Plan A, for implementation.

Commissioner Marshall motioned to grant this request; Commissioner Meszoros seconded; the Board passed this unanimously.

- 5) Entertain a motion to grant a widow's pension request to Nancy L. Johnson, widow of retired FF Ralph E. Johnson, effective June 1, 2013 and refer to the Board of Trustees, Pension Plan A, for implementation.

Commissioner Meszoros motioned to grant this request; Commissioner Marshall seconded; the Board passed this unanimously.

- 6) Entertain a motion to grant a Line of Duty Disability Pension Request to D/C Bruce Porzelt, effective 0900 hours, June 29, 2013 and refer to the Board of Trustees, Pension Plan A, for implementation.

Commissioner Marshall motioned to grant this request; Commissioner Meszoros seconded; the Board passed this unanimously.

Per earlier discussion; decision to table all open grievances to next month; all in agreement.

- 7) Local 834-Grievance 2013-13; FF Jacob Hall, Dock Pay.
- 8) Local 834-Grievance 2013-14; FF Richard Rivera, Dock Pay.
- 9) Local 834-Grievance 2013-10; Night Differential in Pensions.
- 10) Local 834-Grievance 2013-15; Other Leave NEMO Vac, Pers, Comp Days.
- 11) Local 834-Grievance 2013-16; OT not on Proper Lists.

Resolved; Grievance withdrawn per Union President Whitbread.

- 12) Local 834-Grievance 2013-17; OT Probationary FF's.
- 13) Local 834-Grievance 2013-18; Special Leave NEMO.
- 14) Local 834-Grievance 2013-19; Light Duty Work NEMO.
- 15) Local 834-Grievance 2013-20; Paul Cocca Vac. Days.

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16) Executive Session for attendance review of the following individuals:

None.

17) Entertain a motion to accept the Report of the Sick and Injury.

Commissioner Meszoros motioned to accept the Report of the Sick and Injury as written; Commissioner Marshall seconded and the Board passed it unanimously.

18) Entertain a motion to accept the Payroll Register.

Commissioner Meszoros motioned to accept the payroll register as written; Commissioner Marshall seconded and the Board passed it unanimously.

19) Policy and Procedure review.

None.

There being nothing further to come before the Board a motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Meszoros; Commissioner Marshall seconded and the Board agreed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, July 17, 2013 at 6:00 p.m., 2nd Floor at FHQ