

January 15, 2014

Regular Meeting Board of Fire Commissioners

Present: President J. Klein, Commissioners J. Meszoros, E. Hendricks, D. Bradley
D/C Petrucelli, LT Emanuel

Absent: W. Marshall

Call to order: President Klein called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag:

Minutes:

Entertain a motion to dispense with reading of minutes of the previous meeting. Motion to accept minutes by Commissioner Meszoros; seconded by Commissioner Hendricks; all in favor.

Old Business:

President Klein read a letter from Director Lawrence Osborne (Labor Relations) stating the status of all grievances that Union President Whitbread have reviewed. Asked to table 2013-6, 2013-7, 2013-10, 2013-15, 2013-15, 2013-18, 2013-24, 2013-25, 2013-26; and that 2013-8, 2013-20, 2013-22, and 2013-23 are in the process of being settled.

Commissioner Hendricks motioned to table this grievance to next month's meeting; seconded by Commissioner Meszoros; all in favor.

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

LT Strickland gave a brief explanation of this grievance. He stated that at his retirement, he retired under the 2004-2009 contract, since the 2009-2014 contract had not been signed and approved. The 2004-2009 contract has COBRA payments at a 12% rate; while the 2009-2014 contract has COBRA payments at a 25% rate.

Attorney Mitola stated that LT Strickland went on Line-of-Duty Disability Retirement in August 2011. City Council ratified the 2009-2014 contract in April of 2011; therefore, LT Strickland retired under the 2009-2014 contract.

Commissioner Hendricks motioned to deny this grievance; seconded by Commissioner Bradley; all in favor.

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- 2) Local 834-Grievance 2013-6; Class Action OT D-Shift 12-24-12.

Commissioner Hendricks motioned to table this grievance to next month's meeting; seconded by Commissioner Meszoros; all in favor.

- 3) Local 834-Grievance 2013-7; Class Action OT A-Shift 12-24-12.

Commissioner Hendricks motioned to table this grievance to next month's meeting; seconded by Commissioner Meszoros; all in favor.

- 4) Local 834-Grievance 2013-8; Class Action OT BOFC Appearances.

Per Mr. Osborne's letter; settled.

- 5) Local 834-Grievance 2013-10; Night Differential in Pension.

Commissioner Hendricks motioned to table this grievance to next month's meeting; seconded by Commissioner Meszoros; all in favor.

- 6) Local 834-Grievance 2013-15; Other Leave NEMO Vac, Pers, Comp Days.

Commissioner Hendricks motioned to table this grievance to next month's meeting; seconded by Commissioner Meszoros; all in favor.

- 7) Local 834-Grievance 2013-18; Special Leave NEMO.

Commissioner Hendricks motioned to table this grievance to next month's meeting; seconded by Commissioner Meszoros; all in favor.

- 8) Local 834-Grievance 2013-20; Paul Cocca Vac. Day.

Per Mr. Osborne's letter; settled.

- 9) Local 834-Grievance 2013-22; FF Regina Scates, Article 5, Disciplinary Action.

Per Mr. Osborne's letter; settled. Union President Whitbread stated that the language needs to be finalized.

- 10) Local 834-Grievance 2013-23; PE Test Taken on Duty.

Per Mr. Osborne's letter; settled.

- 11) Local 834-Grievance 2013-24; Acting in Training Division.

Commissioner Hendricks motioned to table this grievance to next month's meeting; seconded by Commissioner Meszoros; all in favor.

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- 12) Local 834-Grievance 2013-25; OPG #28, On Call Mechanic.

Commissioner Hendricks motioned to table this grievance to next month's meeting; seconded by Commissioner Meszoros; all in favor.

- 13) Local 834-Grievance 2013-26; OPG #28, Tom Hanko.

Commissioner Hendricks motioned to table this grievance to next month's meeting; seconded by Commissioner Meszoros; all in favor.

New Business:

- 1) Communications:
a. None

- 2) Entertain a motion to grant a Widow's Pension Request to Walterina Arnold, widow of Retired PE Eugene G. Arnold, effective December 4, 2013 and refer to the Board of Trustees, Pension Plan A, for implementation.

Commissioner Hendricks motioned to grant a Widow's Pension to Walterina Arnold; Commissioner Meszoros seconded; all in favor.

- 3) Entertain a motion to grant a Line of Duty Disability Widow's Pension Request to Nell Pettway, widow of Retired D/C Early C .Pettway, effective September 29, 2013 and refer to the Board of Trustees, Pension Plan A, for implementation

Attorney Mitola stated that if a Firefighter retires on a Line-of-Duty Disability Pension and his cause of death is of the same condition as his Line-of-Duty Disability Retirement; the widow/widower is entitled to a Line-of-Duty Pension. Therefore, according to the Death Certificate, Mrs. Pettway is entitled to a Line-of-Duty Disability Pension.

Commissioner Hendricks motioned to grant a Line-of-Duty Widow's Pension to Nell Pettway; Commissioner Meszoros seconded; all in favor.

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

Commissioner Meszoros motioned to accept the Report of Sick and Injury; Commissioner Bradley seconded; all in favor.

- 5) Entertain a motion to accept the Payroll Register.

Commissioner Hendricks motioned to accept the Payroll Register; Commissioner Meszoros seconded; all in favor.

- 6) Policy and Procedure review:
a. None.

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- 7) There being nothing further to come before the Board, a motion to adjourn is in order.

Commissioner Meszoros motioned to adjourn, Commissioner Hendricks seconded; all in favor.

Adjourned: 6:48 p.m.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 19, 2013 at 6:00 p.m., 2nd Floor at FHQ