

April 23, 2014

Regular Meeting Board of Fire Commissioners

Present: Commissioners J. Meszoros, E. Hendricks, W. Marshall, R. Guarnieri
D/C Petrucelli, CT Emanuel

Absent: D. Bradley (excused)

Call to order: Commissioner Meszoros called the meeting to order at 6:05 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 Bradley; all in favor.

Swearing in of promoted Fire Personnel

Mayor Bill Finch Swore in Probationary Deputy Fire Chief Dominick Carfi, Probationary Fire Captain Armando Cora and Probationary Fire Lieutenant Josh Benderoth.

Old Business:

Commissioner Meszoros asked to table 2013-6, 2013-7, 2013-10, 2013-15, 2013-18, 2013-24, 2013-25, 2013-26 and 2014-4; Union President Whitbread was unable to attend this meeting due to date change. Commissioner Marshall motioned to table these grievances to next month's meeting; seconded by Commissioner Guarieri; all in favor.

- 1) Local 834-Grievance 2013-6; Class Action OT D-Shift 12-24-12.
- 2) Local 834-Grievance 2013-7; Class Action OT A-Shift 12-24-12.
- 3) Local 834-Grievance 2013-10; Night Differential in Pension.
- 4) Local 834-Grievance 2013-15; Other Leave NEMO Vac, Pers, Comp Days.
- 5) Local 834-Grievance 2013-18; Special Leave NEMO.
- 6) Local 834-Grievance 2013-24; Acting in Training Division.
- 7) Local 834-Grievance 2013-25; OPG #28, On Call Mechanic.
- 8) Local 834-Grievance 2013-26; OPG #28, Tom Hanko.

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- 9) Local 834-Grievance 2014-4; FF Ryshon Penix, Article 5, Disciplinary Action.

New Business:

- 1) Communications:
a. None.
- 2) Entertain a motion to remove retired Deputy Chief William Brainard Schietinger Jr., deceased March 14, 2014, from the Firefighter's Pension list and refer to the Board of Trustees, Pension Plan A, for implementation.

Commissioner Hendricks motioned to removed retired Deputy Chief William Brainard Schietinger from the Firefighters' Pension list and refer to Pension Plan A for implementation; Commissioner Marshall seconded; all in favor.

- 3) Entertain a motion to grant a Widow's Pension Request to Donna Schietinger, widow of retired Deputy Chief William B. Schietinger, effective March 15, 2014, and refer to the Board of Trustees, Pension Plan A, for implementation.

Commissioner Hendricks motioned to grant a Widow's Pension to Donna Schietinger and refer to Pension Plan A for implementation; Commissioner Marshall seconded; all in favor.

- 4) Entertain a motion to remove retired FF Francis F. Ference, deceased March 29, 2014, from the Firefighter's Pension list and refer to the Board of Trustees, Pension Plan A, for implementation.

Commissioner Hendricks motioned to removed retired Firefighter Francis F. Ference from the Firefighters' Pension list and refer to Pension Plan A for implementation; Commissioner Marshall seconded; all in favor.

- 5) Entertain a motion to grant a Widow's Pension Request to Margaret Ference, widow of retired FF Francis Ference, effective March 30, 2014 and refer to the Board of Trustees, Pension Plan A, for implementation.

Commissioner Hendricks motioned to grant a Widow's Pension Request to Margaret Ference and refer to Pension Plan A for implementation; Commissioner Marshall seconded; all in favor.

- 6) Commissioner Marshall motioned to table the following grievances to next month. Union President unable to attend due to date change. Commissioner Guarierni seconded; all in favor.

Local 834-Grievance 2014-1; FF James Bulerin, EMR.
Local 834-Grievance 2014-3; FF Brian Sinanian, EMT.
Local 834-Grievance 2014-5; FF Samuel Mohammad, Vacation Day.

- 7) Executive Session for attendance review of the following individuals:

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- a. PE Joseph Alves (B) (Tabled Until May)
- b. FF Maurice Barnes (B) – return to full duty 4/28/14
- c. PE Joseph Reilly (B) – return to dull duty 4/21/14

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

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

9) Entertain a motion to accept the Payroll Register.

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

10) Policy and Procedure review:

- a. None.

Miscellaneous

Attorney Mitola asked to add to the agenda for next month; election of new President and Vice President.

Attorney Mitola reviewed the status on Pension Plan A – requested from previous meeting.

- This is a combined plan of Fire and Police.
- Sec. 4b – management and administration of the plan are City of Bridgeport and the Union; whom can delegate to a 3rd
- In the late 90's: bond was issued for Plan A (Fire and Police)
- Trust created establishing trustees: Mayor, Treasurer and Finance Director.
- According to Anne Kelly-Lenz; regular meetings are held.
- Investment Group is: Burns Group.
- Attorney Mitola will look at bonds and have more information next month.

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

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

Adjourned: 6:58 p.m.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 21, 2013 at 6:00 p.m., 2nd Floor at FHQ