

South Elgin Firefighters Pension Fund

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Pension Board Meeting Minutes of June 21st, 2021

A meeting of the South Elgin Fire Pension Board was called to order at 0901 hrs. by President Mike Rothecker.

Roll Call

Members present: Mike Rothecker, Steve Wascher, Mary Van Winkle, Allen Etheridge and William Luchsinger

Members absent: none

Guest's Present, Eric and Michelle from Lauterbach & Amen, John Falduto, Tom Sawyer, and Joe Wisensample from PGM.

President's Report:

Mike mentioned that the State's Fire Pension Investment Fund will start the transfer of assets on October 1st 2021 and that our fund is waiting to find out what data our moneys will be transferred. More to follow. John mentioned that the FPIF will more than likely attempt to avoid any pension funds fiscal year ending date.

Discussion was held that the pension fund will be required to keep three months of operating expenses on hand to pay pensions and other bills as the assets will be frozen at a certain point.

Secretary's Report:

Steve Wascher made a motion to accept the minutes from the February 18th 2021 First Quarterly Pension Board Meeting. Mary Van Winkle 2nd the motion. Motion carried with a 5-0 roll call vote.

Attorneys Report:

Joe discussed that the Illinois Fire Pension Investment Fund approved many rules about the investment asset allocations, rules on transfer dates and more. The IPIF has statutory requirements at the 60, and 30 day mark prior to the transfer of funds and that they must inform the pension board of these dates as well as the assigned auditor to our fund that will manager or oversee the transfer of assets. Joe discussed that according to the IPIF some assets may not be transferrable as they are limited in nature, John informed the board that they are aware of these untransferable assets and our fund does not and will not hold any of those assets or funds and therefore it does not apply to our pension fund.

Joe informed the board that the board will be required to keep 3 months of operating expenses, including pension payments and bills on hand to pay as the funds and assets will be frozen for a certain length of time. Once the assets are transferred to IPIF our board will not be able to access any money for 60 days after the transfer.

Sawyer & Falduto Quarterly Report:

John gave a presentation on the financials as of March 31st 2021. Overall, the 1st quarter had a net increase of 2.5% on return equal to \$480,622. Since the partnership with Sawyer Falduto in 2010, the fund has seen an investment return of \$9,666,317. John discussed that the Bond rates went up which in return devalued the current bonds held by the fund.

Steve Wascher made a motion to approve the Financial Report, seconded by Al Etheridge. Motion carried with a 5-0 roll call vote.

Treasurer's Report:

Eric gave the current statement of funds, and as of May 31st 2021, the entire fund balance was \$21,461,963.90. For the fiscal ending May 31st 2021, the twelve-month period the fund had a net increase in the balance of \$4,686,853.81. Mary Van Winkle made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report with Al Etheridge 2nd the motion. Motion carried with a 5-0 roll call vote.

Correspondence:

None

Old Business

None

New Business

The District hired a new full-time employee, Andrew Wright on March 17th 2021. Andrew has time experience prior, but no reciprocity is earned as he did not complete one year of employment at the prior pension fund and is a Tier II employee with a starting salary of \$63,522.96. A motion was made by Al Etheridge to approve the application to the pension fund by Tier II member Andrew Wright with a hire date of March 17th 2021. Motion seconded by Steve Wascher, motion carried on roll call vote, 5-0.

The District hired a new full-time employee, Dustin Differding on June 13th 2021. Dustin has no full-time experience prior, no reciprocity and is a Tier II employee with a starting salary of \$64,158.19. A motion was made by Mary Van Winkle to approve the application to the pension fund by Tier II member Dustin Differding with a hire date of June 13th 2021. Motion seconded by Steve Wascher, motion carried on roll call vote, 5-0.

The District hired a new full-time employee, John Theriault on June 17th 2021. John has no full-time experience prior, no reciprocity and is a Tier II employee with a starting salary of \$64,158.19. A motion was made by Mary Van Winkle to approve the application to the pension fund by Tier II member John Theriault with a hire date of June 17th 2021. Motion seconded by Al Etheridge, motion carried on roll call vote, 5-0.

Michelle from Lauterbach and Amen gave a presentation of additional services that can be provided. A proposal for "Professional Services Administration" or PSA to our fund was presented and discussed by the Board. The additional services provided included but not limited too meeting agendas, meeting minutes, member records, record retention, board member portal to documents, as well as all other current services provided. The proposal was for a three year engagement at \$650.00 additional each month and a one-time set up fee of \$1,650. Mike made a motion to accept the proposal as presented by Michelle for a three year engagement at the cost of a one time \$1,650 set up fee and \$650.00 a month for three years. Steve Wascher seconded the motion. Motion pass on a roll call vote, 5-0.

Bills/Ratification of Bills

There were no bills to ratify.

Public comment

None

Steve Wascher made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 0954 hours, seconded by Al Etheridge, Motion carried with a 5-0 roll call vote.

Respectfully Submitted,
William Luchsinger

