

Approved

Police Retirement Board Regular Meeting October 17, 2012

Chairman Hannon called the meeting to order at 8:05 A.M.

Voting Members: Chairman Hannon, Vice-Chairman D'Errico, and First Selectman Freda.

Absent: Dr. Tomak, and Union President Mills.

Other Members Present: Chief McLoughlin.

Chairman Hannon asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the July 18, 2012 meeting. A motion was made by Vice-Chairman D'Errico, second by First Selectman Freda. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

Chairman Hannon and First Selectman Freda recently attended an informal meeting with a representative from Halsey Associates Incorporated and members of the police and fire unions to discuss the management of retirement funds for Police and Fire. The meeting was not much different than the April meeting with the Police Retirement Board. First Selectman Freda said the meeting focused on the Fire Department with the town's suggestion to rebalance their portfolio. Vice-Chairman D'Errico would like to be notified of any future meetings that discuss town pensions.

New Business

Vice-Chairman D'Errico asked with the new defined pension plan, if the town is still obligated to make contributions to the pension plan. First Selectman Freda replied the town continues to make contributions through ARC, the Annual Required Contributions, for retirees. The town over funded ARC last year cognizant of the fact if the market dips, the funding could fall behind. The town does not stretch out the amortization of payments to 30 years; it does it in 17 years. The pension is 68-70% funded.

Vice-Chairman D'Errico said the police department has a potential retiree. It will be a normal retirement that only needs approval from the board. A special meeting will be scheduled if the officer retires prior to the next regular meeting.

Chief McLoughlin said the department will look for a certified police officer for replacement because the department can't be guaranteed a seat at POST until July 2013. The department has good success with lateral transfers. He said it would be nice to get some recruits; it is important to balance new officers with older ones.

First Selectman Freda met with the town's investment firm, ING shortly after taking office. He told them he wasn't happy with them and as a result they improved their customer service and rebalanced the investment options. At the same time Barnum Financial contacted the town and were brought in. This resulted in the employees benefiting from maximum returns from both companies.

As trustees of all of the unions, the First Selectman and Finance Director Swinkoski are considering bringing in an additional wealth management company to advise how to best invest the pension fund money. This would not affect the police pension. He said Halsey Associates is doing a great job. The company they are looking at is more aggressive with communicating with the town and unions, would meet with the town monthly, and would actively look at the markets every day. First Selectman Freda will have more of a definitive answer on this at the January meeting.

The meeting dates for 2013 were accepted.

Chairman Hannon asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Vice-Chairman D'Errico made a motion to adjourn, second by First Selectman Freda. The motion passed unanimously. The time was 8:20 A.M.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday January 16, 2013. The meeting will be held in conference room #3 at town hall.

Minutes by Mrs. Amato