

**Spokane Firefighters' Pension Board
Meeting Minutes
September 3, 2015**

Council President Ben Stuckart called the regular meeting of the Spokane Firefighters' Pension Board to order at 9:00 a.m. in the 5th Floor Conference Room of City Hall.

Board Members Present: Ben Stuckart, Terri Pfister, Clive Jones, Dan Brown

Absent: Michael Allen

Staff Present: Kristine Redmond, Phillip Tencick, Christine Shisler

Visitors Present: Joe Fischnaller, Dr. Vanderbosch, Paul Belles from Moloney & O'Neill

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board moved into Executive Session at approximately 9:01 a.m., with appropriate representatives and staff present, to discuss disability reports and submitted medical claims.

The Executive Session adjourned at 9:13 a.m., and the Board immediately reconvened into Open Session.

OPEN SESSION

Disability Reports

Clive Jones moved and Dan Brown seconded the motion to approve the April and May 2015 disability reports. The motion passed unanimously.

Clive Jones moved and Dan Brown seconded the motion to approve the June 23 to August 26, 2015 disability report. The motion passed unanimously.

Minutes

Terri Pfister advised of an amendment made to the July 2, 2015 minutes, which included a Police Pension Board vote on the July COLA.

Clive Jones moved and Dan Brown seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the July 2, 2015 meeting as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

Claims

Assisted Surgeon Claim \$850.00

Clive Jones moved and Dan Brown seconded the motion to approve the reimbursement of \$850.00 for the assisted surgeon claim. The motion passed unanimously.

Medical Equipment \$154.00

Clive Jones moved and Terri Pfister seconded the motion to approve the reimbursement of \$154.00 for medical equipment. The motion passed unanimously.

Confirmation of Pension Roll, Administration Expense & Medical Bills

Clive Jones moved and Dan Brown seconded the motion to approve the June and July 2015 pension roll, administration expense, and medical bills reports. The motion passed unanimously.

Schedule of Investments

Clive Jones moved and Dan Brown seconded the motion to approve the investment activity reports for June and July 2015. The motion passed unanimously.

Medical and Dental Claims and Experience Reports

The medical and dental claims and experience reports were in the packets for review.

Clive Jones moved and Terri Pfister seconded the motion to approve the medical and dental claims and experience reports through July 2015. The motion passed unanimously.

Board Rules Revisions

Mr. Fischnaller recommended changes to how the RCWs are referenced within the entire document.

Clive Jones moved and Terri Pfister seconded the motion to amend the RCW references in the Rules as recommended. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Fischnaller recommended adding to the end of Rule 1, Section 4 as follows: "The Board reserves the right to review each case on its own merit and to decide a particular case contrary to these rules when the circumstances warrant it."

Mr. Fischnaller recommended a change in Rule 2, Section 7, Subsection A as follows: "... The treating physician will normally ~~determine~~ *suggest* the level of care required by the Member's condition..."

Mr. Fischnaller recommended a change in Rule 4, Section 5 as follows: "The Chair may, *on its own motion or at the request of a Member party* issue Subpoenas or Subpoenas Duces Tecum. Any fees or expenses of any kind for the appearance of a witness called by a ~~Member-party~~ shall be assumed by the *Member party* requesting the issuance of the Subpoena. ~~The Board attorney may issue Subpoenas or Subpoenas Duces Tecum for witness to be called by the Board.~~"

Clive Jones moved and Dan Brown seconded the motion to amend Rule 1, Section 4; Rule 2, Section 7; and Rule 4, Section 5 as recommended. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Shisler recommended a change to Rule 3, Section 6, Subsection A as follows: "Monthly pensions of less than ten dollars (\$10.00) ~~will~~ *might* not be processed in the same manner as regular monthly pensions."

Dan Brown moved and Clive Jones seconded the motion to amend Rule 3, Section 6, Subsection A as recommended. The motion passed unanimously.

Clive Jones moved and Dan Brown seconded the motion to approve the Board Rules as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

Death of a Pensioner

Dalmas Ary, Firefighter. Retired December 28, 1985; Died August 23, 2015 at age 73. Pension continues to Spouse. \$500 funeral benefit.

Other Board Business

2016 Budget

The 2016 budget was in the packets for review. Discussion occurred.

Clive Jones moved and Dan Brown seconded the motion to approve the 2016 Budget as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Premera RDS Contract \$11,790.00

Terri Pfister moved and Clive Jones seconded the motion to approve the contract with Premera for the Medicare Retiree Drug Subsidy (RDS) work - \$11,790.00. The motion passed unanimously.

Healthcare Actuaries Contract for RDS Attestations \$675.00

Terri Pfister moved and Clive Jones seconded the motion to approve the contract with Healthcare Actuaries for the RDS attestation in the amount of \$675.00. The motion passed unanimously.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Thursday, November 5, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 9:52 a.m.

Approved by the Spokane Firefighters' Pension Board on November 5, 2015.

/s/
Christine Shisler,
Asst. Retirement Director

/s/
Terri Pfister,
Secretary and City Clerk