Spokane Police Relief & Pension Board Meeting Minutes March 6, 2014

Council President and Board Chair Ben Stuckart called the regular meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. in the 5th Floor Conference Room of City Hall.

- Board Members Present: Ben Stuckart (Chair), Mike Fagan, Terri Pfister, Dave Anderson, Pam Dolan, Mark Grumbly, and Paul Meissner
- Board Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Kris Redmond

Visitors Present: Bob Streich and Paul Belles from Moloney & O'Neill;

Session A – Executive Session

The Board moved into Executive Session at 1:30 p.m., with only appropriate representatives and staff present.

Disability Reports

November 21, 2013-February 21, 2014

Claims

Hearing Aid \$4,900

Executive Session adjourned at approximately 1:35 p.m. and the Board immediately moved into Open Session.

Session B – Open Session

Disability Reports for November 21, 2013 – February 21, 2014

Dave Anderson moved and Terri Pfister seconded the motion to approve the Disability Reports for November 21 – February 21, 2014. The motion carried unanimously.

<u>Claims</u>

Hearing Aid \$4,900

Dave Anderson moved and Mike Fagan seconded the motion to pay \$4,900 (to Huston Hearings) towards a new pair of hearing aids. The motion carried unanimously.

Auditing of Haberman Claims

Paul Meissner moved and Mike Fagan seconded the motion (as suggested by Chair Ben Stuckart) that Mr. Stuckart work with Kris Redmond to follow up on the faulty hearing aids purchased from Haberman Hearing and to determine whether Haberman records are still available and accessible in order for an audit to be conducted. The motion carried unanimously.

Medicare Reimbursement

The matter of Medicare reimbursement was discussed. It was noted that a resolution of this matter previously occurred at the Board's last meeting and based on the receipt of the legal opinion from the Board's attorney, J.E. Fischnaller. The January 2, 2014, meeting minutes reflect the following: "Chair Ben Stuckart commented there are four people the Board is looking at relating to confusion surrounding Medicare Part B reimbursements. He stated that on the first set of three where their reimbursements were higher (income based premiums), this board would like to do one of two things, based on the legal opinion (from the Board's attorney, J.E. Fischnaller): (First), if this board is authorized to, pay the difference (thereby paying for the higher income based premiums), pursuant to the legal opinion from the Board's lawyer that says this Board has the authority to pay that difference." In light of this, Ben Stuckart reported he will contact Christine Shisler, Assistant Retirement Director, to discuss arrangements for reimbursing the difference between what was initially paid and what should be paid to the pensioners.

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David Anderson moved and Paul Meissner seconded the motion to approve the January 2, 2014 minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

Confirmation of Pension Roll, Administration Expense & Medical Bills

Dave Anderson moved and Mark Grumbly seconded the motion to approve the December 17 – February 20, 2014 pension roll, administration expense, and medical bills reports. The motion passed unanimously.

Medical and Dental Claims and Experience Reports

The medical and dental claims reports (actual to budget) from December 17– February 20, 2014 and (Premera) experience report were in the packets for review.

Paul Meissner moved and David Anderson seconded the motion to approve the reports. The motion passed unanimously.

COLA (Cost-of-Living Adjustment) July 2014

Nothing to report at this time. Kris Redmond will notify the Board when information is available.

Other Board Business

Discussion was held as to whether the Board would like to reschedule its regularly scheduled July 3, 2014, meeting (due to this being the week of July 4 holiday) to another date in July. Dave Anderson moved and Mark Grumbly seconded the motion to move the Board's regularly scheduled July 3 meeting to July 10. Motion carried unanimously.

Kris Redmond reported the annual WSLEA conference will be held May 12 – 15, 2014, in Lake Chelan at Campbell's Resort. Reservations are completed.

Deaths of Pensioner

None

Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Board will held Thursday, May 1, 2014, at 1:30 p.m.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

Approved by the Spokane Police Relief and Pension Board on May 1, 2014.

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Kris Redmond, Benefits Specialist

Terri Pfister, Secretary and City Clerk