Spokane Police Relief & Pension Board
Meeting Minutes
May 1, 2014

Council President and Board Chair Ben Stuckart called the regular meeting to order at 1:35 p.m. in the 5th Floor Conference Room of City Hall.

Board Members Present: Ben Stuckart (Chair), Terri Pfister, Dave Anderson, Mark Grumbly, and Paul Meissner

Board Members Absent: Mike Fagan and Pam Dolan

Staff Present: None

Visitors Present: Bob Streich from Moloney & O'Neill and Dr. Leonard Vanderbosch

Session A – Executive Session
The Board moved into Executive Session at 1:35 p.m., with only appropriate representatives and staff present.

Disability Reports
February 21, 2014 – April 24, 2014

Claims
Laser Surgery - $5,900

Other
Dr. Vanderbosch Audiology Report

Executive Session adjourned at approximately 1:41 p.m. and the Board immediately moved into Open Session.

Session B – Open Session

Minutes – March 6, 2014
David Anderson moved and Paul Meissner seconded the motion to approve the March 6, 2014, minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

Disability Reports for November 21, 2013 – February 21, 2014
Paul Meissner moved and Mark Grumbly seconded the motion to approve the Disability Reports for February 21, 2014 – April 24, 2014. The motion carried unanimously.

Claims

Laser Surgery - $5,900
Dave Anderson moved and Mark Grumbly, seconded the motion to deny and that staff inform the pensioner that the Board will pay for standard laser surgery and anything additional the pensioner will have to pay for. The motion carried unanimously.

Police Pension 2013 Annual Report

A copy of the Police Pension 2013 Annual Report, as published on April 23, 2014, was in the Board's packet material for review. Following commentary by Ben Stuckart, Dave Anderson moved and Paul Meissner seconded the motion to approve the Police Pension 2013 Annual Report. The motion carried unanimously.

COLA (Cost-of-Living Adjustment) July 2014

Information was provided in the Board's packet material which indicates the following: That prior to June 30 of each year the Board must approve the July COLA amount for those pensioners not receiving wage increases based on current salary; the CPI index for 2014 for Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton provides for a one percent increase, which is less than the two percent increase that is guaranteed by RCW 41.26.250; staff is requesting the Board approve a two percent increase for July 2014 COLA. Dave Anderson moved and Mark Grumbly seconded the motion to approve a two percent increase for the July 2014 COLA. The motion carried unanimously.

Confirmation of Pension Roll, Administration Expense & Medical Bills

Chair Stuckart inquired about the actual year to date pension costs in comparison to the March actual expenditure costs. He noted actual year to date is $513,861.93, but if you look at March, the actual expenditures are $418,900.99; and it appears something may be off. He requested deferral of this matter in order to get clarification on the numbers. Terri Pfister moved and Ben Stuckart seconded the motion to defer until the Board's next meeting (July 10, 2014) the Confirmation of Pension Roll, Administration Expense & Medical Bills. The motion carried unanimously.

Medical and Dental Claims and Experience Reports

The medical and dental claims reports (actual to budget) from January 31, 2014 – March 31, 2014, and (Premera) experience reports were in the packets for review. Terri Pfister moved and Paul Meissner seconded the motion to approve the reports. The motion passed unanimously.

Death of Police Pensioner

Frederick R. Mielke, Police Officer First Class
Died April 15, 2014, at age 75
Disability Retirement – Retired May 1, 1984, after 23 years of service

Comparison of Benefits at 1/3 of active salary continues to spouse - No City pension at this time
$1,000 Funeral Benefit

Death of Police Pensioner's Widow
None.

Other Board Business

Dr. Vanderbosch – April 4, 2014, Letter Regarding Audiometry Studies
In follow-up to the Haberman matter (from the Board's March 6, 2014, meeting), the Board received as part of its packet materials an April 4, 2014, letter for review and information from Dr. Vanderbosch relating to the audiometry studies he reviewed. No action was taken on this matter.

COLA (Cost-of-Living Adjustment) July 2014
See action taken above.

Next Meeting
The next meeting of the Board will be a Special meeting to be held on July 10, 2014, at 1:30 p.m. Note: The Board's regularly scheduled meeting on July 3, 2014, has been canceled since it falls during 4th of July holiday week.

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

Approved by the Spokane Police Relief and Pension Board on July 10, 2014.

Kris Redmond, Benefits Specialist

Terri Pfister, Secretary and City Clerk