

**Spokane Police Relief & Pension Board
Meeting Minutes
November 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), Terri Pfister, Dave Anderson, Mark Grumbly, and Paul Meissner

Board Members Absent: Mike Fagan and Pam Dolan

Staff Present: Kristine Redmond

Visitors Present: Bob Streich 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

July 2, 2014 – October 28, 2014

Claims

Additional 6 visits of Chiropractic and 17 visits of Physical Therapy

Other

Executive Session adjourned at approximately 1:40 p.m. and the Board immediately moved into Open Session.

Session B – Open Session

2015 Proposed Budget

Following commentary by Ben Stuckart on the 2015 Budget for the Police Pension Fund to reduce (under Revenues) the City Contributions budget line item by \$100,000 (from \$4,100,000 to \$4,000,000) and to correspondingly reduce (under Expenditures) the Medical budget line item by \$100,000 (from \$3,000,000 to \$2,900,000) [so that money (\$100,000) could be transferred to the General Fund – revenue in excess of expenses]. Mark Grumbly moved and Mike Anderson seconded the motion to approve the 2015 Proposed Budget. The motion carried unanimously.

Note: The topic of “2015 Proposed Budget” was inadvertently reflected on the Board’s agenda as “Police Pension Annual Report 2014.”)

Minutes – September 4, 2014

Mark Grumbly moved and Dave Anderson seconded the motion to approve the September 4, 2014, minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

Disability Reports for July 2, 2014 – October 28, 2014

Dave Anderson moved and Mark Grumbly seconded the motion to approve the Disability Reports for July 2, 2014 – October 28, 2014. The motion carried unanimously.

Claims

Dave Anderson moved and Mark Grumbly seconded the motion to approve an additional 17 physical therapy treatments (to assist in a member's recovery from undergoing surgery due to degenerative disk disease). The motion carried unanimously.

Mark Grumbly moved and Paul Meissner seconded the motion to approve an additional 6 chiropractic visits (to assist a member who suffers from pain and migraines due to a compressed disc). The motion was made with the understanding that a medical consultation will be needed if the member makes the same request next year (in 2015). The motion carried unanimously.

Confirmation of Pension Roll, Administration Expense & Medical Bills

Dave Anderson moved and Mark Grumbly seconded the motion to approve the confirmation of Penions Roll, Administration Expenses & Medical Bills from August 1 ,2014 – September 30, 2014. The motion carried unanimously.

Medical and Dental Claims and Experience Reports

The medical and dental claims reports (actual to budget) from August 1, 2014 – September 30, 2014, and (Premera) experience reports were in the packets for review. Mark Grumbly moved and Dave Anderson seconded the motion to approve the reports. The motion passed unanimously.

Death of Police Pensioner

Wayne Wilson, Detective
Died October 17, 2014, at age 75
Retired March 27, 1994, Service Retirement
Comparison of Benefits 1/3 of active salary to spouse
\$1000 funeral benefit

Death of Police Pensioner's Widow

Jean M. Sherar, Age 99, Died September 12, 2014
Widower of Orlan K. Sherar, Captain
Died December 17, 1985, after 25 years of service
No further benefits

Other Board Business

Dave Anderson requested that Board Attorney Joe Fishnaller be contacted regarding the Lieutenants and Captains' and Guild's contract language that addresses educational pay.

Motion by Dave Anderson and seconded by Mark Grumbly requesting that a copy of the contracts be sent to the Board Attorney, calling attention to educational pay. Further, it was requested that a written opinion be provided (to the Board) as to whether retirees with the education at the time they retired are now entitled to that educational pay as part of their pension. Retirees would need to produce paperwork for degree (proof of education) held at time of retirement. Motion carried unanimously. Kristine Redmond will contact the Board Attorney as requested by the Board.

Next Meeting

Motion by Mark Grumbly and seconded by Paul Meissner to change the next meeting of the Board from January 1, 2015 (New Year's Day – a City holiday) to January 8, 2015. Motion carried unanimously. (Note: The January 8, 2015, meeting was subsequently canceled.)

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 1:55 p.m. The next meeting of the Board will be held on March 5, 2015, at 1:30 p.m.

Approved by the Spokane Police Relief and Pension Board on March 5, 2015.

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Kristine Redmond, Benefits Specialist

Terri Pfister, Secretary and City Clerk