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Trumbull Police Pension Board of Trustees Meeting  
Long Hill Conference Room – Town Hall  
February 12, 2013

## MINUTES

The Trumbull Police Commission Meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.

Members Present: Lino Costantini  
Fred Liggins  
Roger McGovern  
Albert Zmary  
Chief Thomas H. Kiely  
Detective Robert Coppola  
Officer Michael Gonzalez

Absent: Jack Testani  
Philip DiGennaro  
Officer Blake Petty

Also Present: Attorney Edwards Walsh

### **Approval of November 28, 2012 Special Trumbull Police Pension Board Minutes**

Motion to approve the Special Trumbull Police Pension Meeting Minutes of November 28, 2012 as presented. MOTION made (Commissioner Coppola), 2nd (Commissioner Costantini). There was no further discussion. MOTION CARRIED WITH ONE ABSTENTION Commissioner Fred Liggins.

### **Unfinished Business**

Elizabeth Collins Repayment

Detective Coppola discussed the Elizabeth Collins repayment, the Commission was provided with a copy of the calculations and spreadsheet of the overpayments which began March 1, 2006 and was corrected as of February 1, 2011 therefore Ms. Collins is now receiving the correct pension as of February 1, 2011. The unfinished business that was not acted on was requesting the repayment from Ms. Collins in the amount of \$71,871.35. The Board went into a detailed discussion on who is responsible for the error, Bank of America, Hooker & Holcombe, etc. Attorney Walsh indicated that since this is a discussion of strategy for the Town of Trumbull that they enter into Executive Session.

Commissioner McGovern made a motion to enter into Executive Session at 6:07 p.m. to discuss Elizabeth Collins repayment. MOTION made (Commissioner McGovern), 2nd (Commissioner Liggins). There was no further discussion. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Entering into Executive Session: Commissioners Costantini, Liggins, McGovern and Zamarly. Also in Executive Session: Chief Kiely, Attorney Edward Walsh, Detective Robert Coppola, Officer Michael Gonzalez and Vivian Munoz.

A motion was made to exit Executive Session at 6:35 p.m. MOTION made (Commissioner McGovern), 2nd (Commissioner Liggins). There was no further discussion. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Detective Coppola made a motion to have Attorney Walsh write letters to Ms. Collins and Ron Schlee of Hooker & Holcombe. MOTION made (Commissioner Coppola), 2nd (Commissioner McGovern). There was no further discussion. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

### **New Business**

#### **Approval of Detective Sergeant Shawn A. Sember's Pension Calculations**

Chief Kiely informed the commission that after 30 years of service for the Town of Trumbull, Detective Sergeant Shawn Sember has decided to retire as of February 1, 2013 and has joined the Town of Westport as a Police Officer.

Detective Robert Coppola made a motion to accept and approve the retirement letter to Chief Kiely from Detective Sergeant Shawn Sember dated January 22, 2013, retirement date effective February 1, 2013. Detective Coppola requested that the minutes reflect that Detective Sergeant Shawn Sember is retiring under Article 37, Section 7 (a) Normal Retirement and that his calculated gross monthly retirement benefit as approved by the fund's actuary, BPS & M – Wells Fargo, equals \$5,542.84 with a 50% escalator of an active Detective Sergeant's wage increase.

Motion made by Detective Robert Coppola, 2<sup>nd</sup> (Commissioner Liggins). ALL IN FAVOR. Motion carried unanimously.

Detective Coppola made a motion to approve the "benefit in month of retirement" figure of \$5,542.84 for Detective Sergeant Shawn Sember. His March 1, 2013 gross benefit shall equal \$11,085.68.

Motion made by Chief Thomas H. Kiely, 2<sup>nd</sup> (Detective Coppola). ALL IN FAVOR. Motion carried unanimously.

The Commission requested the BPS & M calculations for Detective Sergeant Shawn Sember be emailed to them.

### **Retiree & Beneficiary Adjustments**

Detective Coppola informed that Commission that the Union and the Town of Trumbull settled the collective bargaining agreement, which was signed December 17, 2012.

Part of the process for the retirees is to adjust their pensions based on the active wage increase of active members. Detective Coppola explained in detail how the calculations were determined. A spreadsheet was provided to the Commission.

For point of reference Detective Coppola informed the Commission that there are four (4) retirees with a pound sign next to their name which indicate they are on Veteran's reserve disability. The only difference with this is they are paid out of a different account but are still part of the Police Pension Fund.

Motion made by Detective Coppola to accept the spreadsheet and forward to Bank of America and be made effective March 1, 2013.

Motion made by Detective Robert Coppola, 2<sup>nd</sup> (Commissioner McGovern). ALL IN FAVOR. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Retiree Retroactive Payments**

Detective Coppola provided a second spreadsheet which showed the retroactive payment calculations for the retirees. The calculations are only for an eight (8) month payment period because for the first year of the contract the union accepted a 0% increase therefore the retirees do not receive an increase. As of July 1, 2012 the union agreed on a 2.9% wage increase. The spreadsheet reflects ½ of the 2.9% wage increase due to the retirees. The spreadsheet shows an asterisk next to Lt. Applebaum as he retired on December 3, 2012 therefore he is due two (2) months of retroactive payment and ½ of December 2012.

Motion made by Detective Coppola to accept the Retroactive Payments Spreadsheet and make them a separate check effective March 1, 2013.

Motion made by Detective Robert Coppola, 2<sup>nd</sup> (Commissioner Costantini). ALL IN FAVOR. Motion carried unanimously.

**Adjournment**

Motion made by Commissioner Liggins and 2<sup>nd</sup> (Commissioner McGovern) to adjourn the Trumbull Police Pension Board of Trustees Meeting at 6:55 p.m. ALL IN FAVOR. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vivian Munoz  
Clerk of the Commission