



# TRUMBULL POLICE PENSION BOARD

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Trumbull Police Pension Board of Trustees Meeting  
Trumbull Police Headquarters  
November 12, 2014

### MINUTES

The Trumbull Police Pension Board of Trustees meeting was called to order at 6:14 p.m.

Members Present: Jack Testani, Chairman  
Thomas H. Kiely  
Lino Costantini  
Philip DiGennaro  
Alfred Liggins  
Roger McGovern  
Blake Petty  
Robert Coppola  
Michael Gonzalez

Also Present: Jim Haselkamp

Absent: Albert Zamary

#### **Approval of October 14, 2014 Police Pension Board Minutes**

Motion to accept the Police Pension Board Meeting Minutes of October 14, 2014 as presented. MOTION made first by Commissioner McGovern and seconded by Commissioner Liggins. There was no further discussion. MOTION CARRIED WITH ONE ABSTENTION Commissioner DiGennaro.

#### **Unfinished Business**

Detective Coppola asked if the letter regarding Mr. Applebaum's estate was mailed to the attorney. Mr. Haselkamp drafted a letter and will send to the board for their review

and approval and will mail it out if he does not hear back from the board within a couple days.

### **New Business**

#### *Approval of pension calculations for the retirement of Chief Kiely and Deputy Chief Harry*

Detective Coppola indicated that he double checked the figures from BPS & M and believes that BPS & M has the holiday pay figures incorrect. Detective Coppola suggested that BPS & M be contacted again and asked to recalculate the holiday figures.

Detective Coppola made a motion to table approval of the pension calculations for Chief Kiely and Deputy Chief Harry until the December 9<sup>th</sup> meeting and wait for BPS & M to recalculate the holiday pay figure. Motion made first by Detective Coppola, seconded by Officer Gonzalez. There was no further discussion. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

There was a detailed discussion of the two (2) companies that have been selected by the subcommittee. Commissioner DiGennaro apologized from missing the interviews of the companies that were selected and asked how the five (5) companies were chosen. Officer Gonzalez responded that there was a subcommittee that reviewed the proposals that were received and it was narrowed down to five (5) companies. Those companies where asked to come in and were interviewed by the subcommittee and they decided on two (2) companies, Wells Fargo and Graystone. Commissioner Costantini indicated that he is in favor of Wells Fargo. Detective Coppola agreed with Commissioner Costantini.

Chairman Testani asked that Gina Acri of Wells Fargo be contacted and invited to attend the Police Pension Board meeting on December 9<sup>th</sup>.

Jim Haselkamp asked if the Police Pension Board had a formal contract with Bank of America. Detective Coppola indicated that they have trust documents with Bank of America. Mr. Haselkamp suggested that an attorney be involved with Wells Fargo regarding contracting process. Detective Coppola responded that the contract should be done by the Police Pension Board and an attorney will draft and review. Mr. Haselkamp suggested that they check with the town attorney Walsh to see if he can draft a contract. He suggests that the board hire a Benefits Law firm. Mr. Haselkamp indicated that every place he has been hires a specialized Benefit Law firm. He also suggested that plan documents should be done. Detective Coppola said that a motion be made to hire an attorney to draft trust documents and it be paid from the Police Pension Fund.

Detective Coppola made a motion to allocate up to \$10,000 for a benefit law firm to review plan documents with the successor bank. Motion made first by Detective

Coppola, seconded by Officer Gonzalez. There was no further discussion. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The Police Pension Board decided that Wells Fargo will be the company that will handle the Police Pension Funds.

Commissioner Costantini made a motion to hire Wells Fargo as manager of the Police Pension Funds to be the successors of Bank of America. MOTION made by first by Commissioner Costantini and seconded by Detective Coppola. There was no further discussion. MOTION CARRIED WITH ONE ABSTENTION Officer Gonzalez.

Detective Coppola will draft a letter to inform them they have Bank of America informing them that Wells Fargo is the new company that will be the new fund administrators.

Detective Coppola will write a letter to Wells Fargo to inform them that they have been selected as the company that will administer the Trumbull Police Pension funds.

### **Unfinished Business**

Letter was received regarding Mrs. Elizabeth Collins. Detective Coppola indicated the Cathy Wakley is the daughter of Mrs. Collins and she previously worked for fire dispatch. Detective Coppola indicated that she was never promised that she did not have to pay back the \$72,000.00. Commissioner Costantini said it is very odd that this letter was written. The family knew that the monthly figure was incorrect and now they have the courage to say something for collecting the money. Detective Coppola indicated that in his notes for the motion at the time when Officer Collins passed away, Detective Coppola has the correct amount that Mrs. Collins was to be paid. How that figure did not get to Bank of America he is not aware. Attorney Walsh has the notes as well. Detective Coppola indicated what upset him was the personal attack in the letter that was written by the Collins Family.

Mr. Haselkamp suggested a simple response to the Collins family is a letter indicating that the board has a fiduciary obligation to the fund to collect overpayments.

Chairman Testani asked now that Mrs. Collins passed away are they no longer able to collect the remaining funds owed. Discussion was made if they could go after her estate. Mr. Haselkamp indicated that they could go through probate. Chairman Testani asked if the board should make a motion to investigate through Attorney Walsh the option of collecting through probate the remaining funds that are due to the Town of Trumbull.

Detective Coppola made a motion to file a claim on behalf of the Trumbull Police Pension Fund through Attorney Walsh against Mrs. Collin's estate in the amount of \$55,506.06. Motion made first by Detective Coppola, seconded by Officer Gonzalez. There was no further discussion. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Chief Kiely reported that he was informed that retired Captain Jonathan Ebling passed away. Bank of America will be informed along with BPS & M. Captain Ebling has a surviving spouse who is entitled to receive part of his pension. BPS & M will be contact to provide the new monthly pension calculation for Mrs. Ebling. Officer Petty indicated per the contact the spouse is to receive 50% of the captain's monthly pension.

Detective Coppola made a motion to reduce Captain Ebling's monthly benefit per the contract to his surviving spouse and will be double checked with BPS & M. Motion made first by Detective Coppola, seconded by Commissioner Liggins. There was no further discussion. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mr. Haselkamp asked that William Ruscoe's pension be added to the agenda for the month of December to discuss forfeiture of Mr. Ruscoe's pension. Mr. Haselkamp will bring the statue to make a decision. Mr. Haselkamp indicated it is the Rowland Law, the pension board can make the decision and vote to terminate his pension based upon his misconduct. A request can be sent to the Attorney General's Office and will end up in court for a determination if they agree or not.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business to discuss and upon MOTION made by Commissioner Costantini and seconded by Detective Coppola the Trumbull Police Pension Board adjourned by unanimous consent at 7:12 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vivian Munoz  
Clerk of the Commission