

Town of Newtown
Special Pension Committee Meeting
December 11, 2017, 7:30pm
Municipal Center, 3 Primrose Street, Room 1

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE PENSION COMMITTEE.

1. Meeting called to order by Ellen Whalen at 7:30pm.

Committee Members in attendance: Sam Broomer, Charles Farfaglia, Scott Schwartz, Paula Wickman, Ellen Whalen. Absent: Patrick Burke. Also in attendance: David Leonard, TR Paul, Inc., Guy Howard, Pension Committee Candidate.

2. Hooker and Holcombe

Mr. David Leonard, Account Executive and Actuary, at TR Paul Inc. provided Committee with an overview of the 2017 Police Pension Plan Actuarial Report and the Boards of Selectmen and Education Actuarial Report. The recommended total Pension contribution for the 2017-2018 Fiscal Year is \$2,243,901. Allocated as follows: Police Plan: \$974,971.; Selectmen: \$626,219., Board of Education: \$642,711. Mr. Leonard pointed out the Pension Trust earned a 13.3% return for plan year 7/1/16-6/30/17. The return helped to offset actuarial losses for previous years. Mr. Leonard noted a change this year in the funding method from Projected Unit Credit (PUC) to Entry Age Normal (EAN) and an Interest Rate change from 7.5% to 7%. The Interest Rate change is in the process of being phased in over a three year period.

3. Approval, – Minutes of November 20, 2017, October 16, 2017 Meeting

Motion made by Charles Farfaglia, seconded by Scott Schwartz to approve the November 20, 2017 Minutes. All in Favor. Motion made by Scott Schwartz, seconded by Paula Wickman to approve October 16, 2017 Minutes. All in Favor.

4. Correspondence

None

5. Retirement/Expense Payment Approval

Retirements – Motion made by Sam Broomer, seconded by Scott Schwartz to approve benefit payment for Diane Impastato. All in Favor. Motion by Charles Farfaglia, seconded by Sam Broomer to approve benefit payment to E. Patricia Llordra. All in Favor.
Expenses – None

6. Old Business

Trust Investment-Pension/OPEB – Guy Howard provided Committee with information re Public Pension Investment Return Assumptions, historical return information on possible portfolio additions and commented on possible direction of Pension/OPEB Trust portfolios. Further discussion re Trust investments will continue with Messrs. Burke and Howard at next PC meeting.
OPEB Actuarial Report – 2017 Final OPEB Report received. Funding Method changed from Projected Unit Credit to Entry Age Normal and the Interest Rate changed from 7.5% to 6.75 by Actuary. No Impact Study done nor Pension Committee advised. Contribution for current year equals benefit payments plus \$200,000.

7. New Business

New Committee Member – Motion by Scott Schwartz, seconded by Paula Wickman to appoint Guy Howard as a Member of the Pension Committee. All in Favor.
Documentation Update – Initial meeting with G. Kasper, Pullman and Comley, re Trust/Plan Documentation update-December 18th.
Committee Calendar 2018 – Motion by Paula Wickman, seconded by Scott Schwartz to approve revised 2018 PC Meeting Calendar. All in Favor. Committee will meet third Thursday of month during 2018.
Pension Committee Annual Report – Motion by Paula Wickman, seconded by Scott Schwartz to approve 2017 write up for Town Annual Report. All in Favor.

8. Voter Comment

None

9. Date of Next Meeting: December 18, 2017

Town Hall South, 3 Main Street, Lower Meeting Room.

10. Adjournment

With no further business, meeting adjourned at 9:30pm.

Respectfully submitted, Ellen Whalen, PC Chair