

Berthoud Fire Protection District Pension Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, August 18, 2020
Location: 248 Welch Ave., Berthoud, CO 80513
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Meeting Organizer: Jill Wilson (970) 532 – 2264

Agenda Items

Call to Order / Roll Call: President Paul Rimsky called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.. Members present were President Paul Rimsky Trustees Michael Cook, Gary Maggi, John Hawley, Dan Hershman, Eric Ryplewski, and Dave Shipley.

Others in Attendance: Fire Chief, Steve Charles, Operations Chief Robert Stumpf, Finance Director Debra Graves, Battalion Chief Andrew Kuiken, and Administrative Assistant Jill Wilson.

Pledge of Allegiance

Review of the Agenda: The agenda was reviewed and approved with no additions. Motion by Trustee Michael Cook, seconded by Trustee John Hawley. The motion carried.

Consent Calendar

Approval of the May 2020 Pension Board Minutes

Motion by Trustee Dan Hershman to approve the consent calendar with amendments to the title and members present, seconded by Trustee Dave Shipley.

Old Business

Update on Hose Cart Refurbish – President Paul Rimsky mentioned that the hose cart was taken to start work on the refurbish. Parts that would need to be replaced or fixed were discussed.

New Business

2nd Quarter 2020 Financials – President Paul Rimsky provided an overview of the financials. Motion to accept the 2nd Quarter 2020 Financials by Trustee Mike Cook, seconded by Trustee Gary Maggi.

Funding Review for Volunteer Incentive Program – 2021 into the future - President Paul Rimsky went over a spreadsheet he created showing vested funding for members and spouses. Trustee Dan Hershman stated that the spreadsheet was helpful to examine the future dollars and budgeting. He felt that the program should be continued as long as it was a possibility. Trustee Mike Cook stated that he did not want to put it into an account with FPPA right now due to many outside factors. He felt it should stay as a line item in the budget for now.

Review of New Training from John Keller – Chief Charles explained that Mr. Keller was previously denied pension due to inadequate records of service and training. Research was recently conducted finding a combined activity and training summary for years of 2008-2009, which were previously missing. As a result, if these records were accepted, Mr. Keller would meet the requirement. Chief Charles recommended that Mr. Keller be credited for the years 2000-2009. If approved, he recommended that the benefit be retroactive from Mr. Keller's 50th birthday forward.

Trustee Dan Hershman confirmed that it would be 6 years of retroactive benefit, and the benefit would be for the extent of Mr. Keller's life.

Motion by Trustee Cook that the Pension Board reconsider the pension determination for Mr. Keller, find that Mr. Keller does meet the requirements per Chief Charles, and provide retroactive benefits from 50 years old forward, seconded by Trustee Eric Rypkowski.

Trustee Eric Rypkowski stated that based on the information provided by Chief Charles he believes that it was a fair request.

Trustee Mike Cook thanked Chief Charles for taking the time to research the records.

Public Comments None

Motion to Adjourn: A motion to adjourn was requested by President Paul Rimsky at 6:38 p.m.. Motion by Trustee Michael Cook, seconded by Trustee Gary Maggi.

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Paul Rimsky
President

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John Hawley
Trustee

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Dan Hershman
Trustee

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Mike Cook
Trustee

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Gary Maggi
Trustee

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Eric Rypkowski
Trustee

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Dave Shipley
Trustee