

VILLAGE OF LA GRANGE
POLICE PENSION FUND
October 24, 2018

Meeting was called to order by Secretary Ljubenko at 4:09 P.M. Present were President Beaver, Vice-President James, Secretary Ljubenko, Trustee Lannan and Finance Director/Treasurer Cipparrone. Also present were Investment Advisor Jessie Barrett (The Barrett Group) of Wells Fargo Advisors and Actuary Todd Schroeder of Lauterbach & Amen, LLP. Absent was Assistant Secretary Wardlaw, meeting continued, quorum present.

Upon motion by Beaver, second by Lannan, the Board unanimously approved the July 25, 2018 Board Minutes presented by Secretary Ljubenko.

Treasurer Cipparrone presented the Sept. 30, 2018 Police Pension Fund Activity Report.

Jessie Barrett (The Barrett Group) presented the Wells Fargo Advisors Asset Allocation Report and market update.

Todd Schroeder, Actuary of Lauterbach & Amen. LLP, presented to the Board the Actuarial Valuation Report dated April 30, 2018. The actuarial required Tax Levy requirement for FY 2019-2020 is **\$1,638,898.00** for the Police Pension Fund. Upon motion by Ljubenko, second by James, the Board unanimously approved that the Village fund this recommended amount of **\$1,638,898.00** in 2018 Property Tax Levy.

The Board also discussed/reviewed the various assumptions being used by the Board and Actuary for the actuarial valuation report. Both Vice-President James and Trustee Lannan advised they were uncomfortable with the assumed long term 7% interest rate of return currently being used by the Board, believing this assumed long term rate is too high. The Board decided they will revisit, discuss the assumed long term rate of return prior to the end of the fiscal year, April 30, 2019, to determine the assumed rate of return used in next year's actuarial valuation.

The Board briefly discussed the Investment Policy and determined that the policy will be further discussed and any changes finalized, at the Board's January 23, 2019 meeting. The Board will also discuss at the January meeting, the RFP process to select Investment Consultant/Advisor and Fixed Income Manager.

The Board was advised of the need to schedule the non-line of duty disability annual medical exam for Ofc. Kneifel. Upon motion by James, second by Beaver, the Board unanimously approved directing Attorney Richard Reimer of Reimer & Dobrovolny PC, to set up the medical exam with Dr. Stevan Weine, utilizing INSPE Associates, LTD.

The Board was notified by the Village of Northfield that former Police Officer Bryan Strand had been hired as a Police Officer for the Village of Northfield Police Department in August 2018 and he had made application to transfer his creditable service time from LaGrange Police Pension Fund to Northfield Police Pension Fund. Former Ofc. Strand served with the LaGrange Police Department from Oct. 3, 2005 to August 1, 2008, at the time of his resignation he applied for, and received a refund of all his contributions to the LaGrange Police Pension Fund. Ofc. Strand is now applying to reinstate his membership in the LaGrange Police Pension Fund by paying back his refunded contributions, with required interest, in order to transfer creditable service time from LaGrange to Northfield. Upon motion by James, second by Beaver, the Board unanimously approved payment of \$250.00 to Lauterbach & Amen, LLP, accounting firm, to perform the required repayment/transfer calculations for the Board.

Upon motion by Ljubenko, second by James, the Board unanimously approved payment of the annual I.P.P.F.A. membership dues of \$795.00.

Upon motion by James, second by Ljubenko, the Board unanimously approved payment of \$500.00 to President Beaver to reimburse him the cost of two 8-hour IPPFA Trustee Training courses he completed online. Each online course cost \$250.00. The completion of the two courses fulfilled his requirement to complete 16 hours of annual training for Public Pension Trustees.

The Board was advised of the resignation from the Police Department by Officer Jason Wessendorf. He served the Department from March 24, 2014 to October 22, 2018. He resigned to accept a position as Police Officer with the St. Charles Police Department. The Board awaits his decision on what he wishes to do with his pension contributions.

The Board was advised the sad news that Jean Robbins passed away on October 1, 2018. She was the spouse of retired Sergeant Jack D. Robbins, who passed away in January 1990. There are no more eligible dependents, so all pension benefits have ended. Required documents were placed in file.

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 P.M. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday January 23, 2019, 4:00 P.M. at the LaGrange Police Department.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephen Ljubenko
Secretary