

UNAPPROVED – SUBJECT TO CORRECTION

**Pension and Retirement Board
Regular Meeting
November 16, 2017**

The Pension and Retirement Board held their Regular Meeting on Thursday, November 16, 2017 in the Parsons Government Complex, Conference Room A. Chairman Cody called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Members Present

C. Cody, Chairman (left at 7:05 pm)
M. Chaco
A. Maher
L. Mahoney
F. Murphy
M. Tutino
R. Satti
R. Elwell
S. Firmender (Alt.)
G. Kimmel (left at 7:11 pm)
M. Palumbo
R. Smith (Alt)
B. Marschner

Members Absent

T. Beirne
M. Catanuto
M. Moreno (Alt.)
J. Maurutis (Alt.)
T. Bradbury
J. Keeler (Alt.)
M. Hedman
C. McInnis
J. Montalbano (Alt.)

Also Present

L. Kelliher, Human Resources Dept.
B. Simpson
J.O. Beirne, Beirne Wealth
J. Beirne, Beirne Wealth
A. Lynch, Beirne Wealth (left at 6:30)
Mukul Gulati, Zephyr Peacock
Thomas Barry, Zephyr Peacock

Consideration of Minutes

Mr. Chaco and Mr. Firmender made and seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held October 19, 2017 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman's Report: None

Pension Requests

(a)	Walter Cwiertniewicz	Code 5 – BOE Maint. Regular Retirement	Application
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Mr. Smith and Mr. Elwell made and seconded a motion to grant a regular retirement pension in the annual amount of \$33,981.55, monthly payments of \$2,831.80, retroactive to October 7, 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

Application

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Calculations

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Contingent Annuitant Option:

None

Applications of Entry:

Chairman Cody read the following applications of entry:

a)	Edward Kozlowski, Jr.	Code 5 – City (PW)	Entered: 11/06/2017
b)	Christopher Olenick	Code 5 – City (BOE Maint.)	Entered: 11/03/2017
c)	Raymond W. Swift III	Code 5 – City (BOE Maint.)	Entered: 11/01/2017
d)	Kristen Gourley	Code 5 – City (BOE Custodian)	Entered: 10/30/2017

Invoices:

(a) Wells Fargo - \$1,557.34

Mr. Elwell and Mr. Chaco made and seconded a motion to authorize payment to Wells Fargo in the amount of \$1,557.34 for their invoice dated October 6, 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

(b) Boyd Watterson - \$31,515.00

Mr. Elwell and Mr. Chaco made and seconded a motion to authorize payment to Boyd Watterson in the amount of \$31,515.00 for their invoice dated October 25, 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

(c) GAMCO - \$20,405.00

Mr. Elwell and Mr. Chaco made and seconded a motion to authorize payment to GAMCO in the amount of \$20,405.00 for their invoice dated July 20, 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

(d) GAMCO - \$20,556.00

Mr. Elwell and Mr. Chaco made and seconded a motion to authorize payment to GAMCO in the amount of \$20,556.00 for their invoice dated October 19, 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Elwell and Mr. Firmender made and seconded a motion to amend the agenda to include the Hooker & Holcombe invoice dated November 9, 2017. All were in favor and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Elwell and Mr. Chaco made and seconded a motion to authorize payment to Hooker & Holcombe in the amount of \$1,000 for their invoice dated November 9, 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

Miscellaneous:

Mr. Mahoney and Mrs. Maher made and seconded a motion to add the Hooker & Holcombe ad hoc COLA study to the agenda. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Elwell highlighted the discussions from last month and the Board reviewed the Hooker & Holcombe letter dated November 3, 2017. Mr. Mahoney made a motion that the board make a recommendation to the Board of Alderman to consider an increase based on the Hooker & Holcombe letter dated November 3, 2017 and Mr. Elwell seconded the motion and all were in favor. Chairman Cody will bring the Board's recommendation for the ad hoc COLA increase to the Board of Alderman. Chairman Cody will provide the November 3, 2017 letter to the Board of Alderman along with the Board's recommendation.

Committee Reports:

None.

Report of Investment Advisor

Mr. J.O. Beirne highlighted the October 31, 2017 Performance Summary. Mr. Beirne stated how well the Pension Fund is doing and shared an article with the Board. Mr. Beirne invited Mr. Barry and Mr. Gulati from Zephyr Peacock to speak to the Board. Mr. Barry and Mr. Gulati spoke about their current fund and their success with this fund. Mr. Barry indicated that there was a \$3M minimum investment in their next fund and hoped that the Board would consider investing. Mr. Barry thanked the Board for their past investment and support.

After Mr. Barry and Mr. Gulati left the meeting, Mr. J.O. Beirne stated that there were three items from previous meetings that needed review and clarification. Mr. J.O. Beirne stated that at the August 17, 2017 meeting, the Board moved to invest in the Beach Point Opportunities Fund III; however, the Board did not indicate how much to invest in this fund. The Board should, for the record, clarify the amount to be invested. Mr. J.O. Beirne also stated that at the August 17, 2017 meeting, the Board approved an investment of \$20M in the GoldenTree CLO Fund. Then at the October 19, 2017 meeting, the Board approved an investment of \$10M in the same GoldenTree CLO Fund. Mr. J.O. Beirne would like the Board to reconsider the investment of \$30M.

Mrs. Palumbo and Mrs. Maher made and seconded a motion to amend the agenda and add the Beach Point Opportunities Fund III item to it for further discussion and clarification. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. J.O. Beirne's recommendation to the Board is to invest \$5M in the Beachpoint Opportunities Fund III. Ms. Palumbo and Mr. Mahoney made a motion to clarify that the investment in this fund should be \$5M. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Palumbo and Mr. Elwell made and seconded a motion amend the agenda and add the GoldenTree fund item to it for further discussion and clarification. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. J.O. Beirne's recommendation to the Board is to invest \$10M in the GoldenTree CLO Fund and not the \$30M as previously approved. Ms. Palumbo and Mr. Mahoney made and seconded a motion to change the allocation from \$30M to \$10M. All were in favor and motion passed unanimously.

Mr. J.O. Beirne and the Board discussed investing in the newest Zephyr Peacock Fund. Mr. Mahoney and Mr. Firmender made and seconded a motion to invest \$3M in the newest Zephyr Peacock Fund. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Elwell and Mr. Chaco made and seconded a motion to cancel the December 21, 2017 meeting. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Pension & Retirement Board will be held on January 18, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lynn A. Kelliher". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lynn" being the most prominent part.

Lynn A. Kelliher
Acting Recording Secretary