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FIRE PENSION BOARD

A meeting of the Fire Pension Board was held on July 27, 1982 in the Personnel Director's office. Members present were: Claudia Hazelhurst, Gary Tharp, Ed Billings and Mike Petersen. Members absent were: Louis Brach and John Tasker. Also present was Jeanne Herring.

The meeting was called or order at 9:05 a.m. by Chairman Mike Petersen at which time he asked for the minutes of the last meeting to be read. After reading of the minutes, Gary Tharp made a motion, which was seconded by Claudia Hazelhurst, that the minutes be accepted as read. All members present were in favor.

Mike Petersen stated that a letter was received from Jack Brandhorst's physician, Dr. Leslie E. Farrell, 3780 South 4th Avenue, Yuma, Arizona 85364, stating that Jack was, in fact, disabled from performing the duties of Firefighter. After Claudia Hazelhurst read Dr. Farrell's letter, she made a motion that Jack Brandhorst be continued on disability status for one year at which time he would again be required to submit medical proof of his physical status. This motion was seconded by Gary Tharp. After discussion, all board members were in favor of the motion being approved.

Claudia Hazelhurst was directed by Chairman Mike Petersen to write Jack a letter stating the Board's decision regarding his retirement status.

With regard to Dale Dean's request for interpretation of pension eligibility, a letter from the Attorney General's office was received indicating the Board should contact the Department of Local Affairs as it was not a matter for their office. Claudia Hazelhurst stated another letter was received from the Fire and Police Pension Association stating that retirements of this nature are not permissible and, the FPPA Board could deny payments granted by the local board in cases of this type. Claudia stated that Gerald Ashby also felt it was a decision to be made by the local board. Gary Tharp asked about the Department of Local Affairs and Claudia Hazelhurst stated that she did not know what their office should have to do with it and it would all come back to the local board for determination as stated by FPPA and our City Attorney.

After discussion, Gary Tharp asked why Gerald Ashby's letter was not sent to the Board for review before being sent to the Attorney General. Claudia stated that she could not recall if she had, when asking him to write the letter, mentioned to him that it was to go to the Board before being sent. Gary Tharp felt the attitude regarding this situation was one of "pass-the-buck".

Mike Petersen requested Claudia Hazelhurst to send Dale Dean a copy of the Fire and Police Pension Association letter for his reference. Mike Petersen asked Gary Tharp if he wanted the Board to contact the Department of Local Affairs to see what, if anything, could be done. Gary Tharp stated not unless Dale Dean wanted to pursue the matter further.

Claudia Hazelhurst asked approval to send medical bills for Jack Brandhorst's examination, if received, to FPPA for payment. Gary Tharp made a motion to approve payment to Dr. Farrell for Jack Brandhorst's examination if, in fact, one was received. This motion was seconded by Ed Billings and all were in favor.

A letter was received from Carl Campbell requesting retirement effective August 1, 1982. The Board also received a letter from Fire Chief R.T. Mantlo stating that Carl did meet the criteria for retirement and stated he recommended approval of his retirement request. Gary Tharp made a motion to accept Carl Campbell's request for retirement, effective August 1, 1982, with full benefits including rank escalation. This motion was seconded by Claudia Hazelhurst and all were in favor.

Gary Tharp mentioned that he had been contacted by Wayne Marks who stated he had received intimidating letters from FPPA requesting information and, if not received, his pension payments would be discontinued. After discussion, Claudia Hazelhurst stated that the Fire and Police Pension Association was requesting information from all retirees regarding their addresses, whether they were still alive, etc. and, if Wayne had sent the requested information to the FPPA office, he should not hear anything else. She also stated that this is strictly for recordkeeping purposes; it doesn't matter if they are covered by the Local Board or FPPA.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Gary Tharp made a motion that the meeting be adjourned at 9:45 a.m. The motion was seconded by Ed Billings. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Herring
Secretary

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