

Fox River Grove Police Pension Board Meeting
January 2nd, 2013
305 Illinois St.
Fox River Grove, IL 60021

1. Meeting called to order by Mark Slovacek at 5:35 p.m. Present were Board members Mark Slovacek, Dick Resseguie and Police Officer Rob Caselli. Also present for the meeting were Police Officer Michael Miller, Penny Toppel – Village Treasurer, William Yocius – Financial Advisor with Mitchell, Vaught & Taylor, Robert Nunamaker – Village President, Carl Warwick – Village Administrator, Cary Collins – Board Attorney and Mary Murren – Retiring Board President.
2. Mr. Collins indicated to continue the meeting, that a pro-tem President should be elected to run the meeting. Penny Toppel nominated Dick Resseguie to the position of pro-tem President, with Mark Slovacek seconding. All voted aye on the motion. Dick Resseguie took over the meeting at this time.
3. Minutes of the October 3rd, 2012 meeting were reviewed. A motion by Mark Slovacek to accept the minutes was made with second by Rob Caselli. Minutes accepted with all voting aye.
4. FINANCIAL REPORT:
 - a. Penny Toppel gave quarterly report from the Village Treasurer's Office. Fund from Mitchell, Vaught & Taylor had beginning balance of \$1,543,790.36 as of 10/1/12 and an ending balance of \$1,524,538.91 as of 12/31/12 (-\$19,251.45) Penny pointed out that she had to transfer \$22,000.00 from investments back into the checking account in order to make payroll. With Harris Bank Checking/Money Market account, combined total fund as of 12/31/12 was \$1,535,577.97 In addition, total real estate taxes received for 2012 was \$267,929.04 though budgeted of \$268,277.00 Penny Toppel stated that approximately \$29,000.00 per month is spent on payroll to retirees/disabled Officers. Mark Slovacek made motion to accept the Village Report, which was seconded by Dick Resseguie. All approved.
 - b. William Yocius – Mitchell, Vaught & Taylor gave out to all members his quarterly report. Beginning value of Fund was reported at \$1,544,599. Withdrawal of \$22,194 left a net investment gain of \$2,134.00 for the 4th quarter. The fund now had an ending balance of \$1,524,539.00 The cumulative return since the pension fund's first full quarter of 9/30/2008 was 17.89% with a net investment gain of \$231,849. There was discussion of funds being limited by Illinois in the percentage of fund

values that can be invested in Fixed Incomes versus Equities. It was explained again that until the total fund has a value over 2.5 million dollars, that we were limited to investing 10% in equities and 90% in fixed incomes. Mr. Collins brought up that Travis March from the IL Dept. of Insurance is supporting a measure in Springfield to change some investments rules and limitations. Mr. Collins will monitor this as it progresses. There was further conversation of certain bond investments of \$1,000,000.00 or more. It was thought too risky at this time for our fund due to its total value. Slovacek made motion to accept the report from William Yocius, second by Dick Resseguie. All accepted report as given within the booklet.

5. Cary Collins gave the Attorney report at this time. First item was the disability matter of John Diskin. Collins reported that the matter was finalized and nothing further had to be reported. Collins reported the need to elect at this meeting new Officers for the Board (see under new business). Collins had nothing further to report.
6. OLD BUSINESS
 - a. Asked of this year's medical evaluation of David Westergren, it was determined that nobody received the evaluation report from the Doctor that Westergren was directed to see. Collins will look into the matter and get a copy of the latest report.
 - b. Penny Toppel reported that she will be checking with Harris Bank regarding direct deposits.
 - c. Mark Slovacek brought up an email originally sent to Mike Domagala and forwarded to him regarding certain missing documents or errors in the latest audit. It was decided that these items would be looked into and a corrected annual report will be filed.
 - d. It was brought up again of Penny Toppel's retirement as Village Treasurer as of January 18th, 2013. Penny was thanked by the board for the work that she put forth into the Pension Fund and that she would be missed. Penny said that she would be working closely part time with the new Treasurer and getting her up to speed on what was required of her. However, Penny said that she was being appointed by the Village President to the Pension Board (see under new business).
 - e. It was confirmed that \$41,156.00 was transferred from the Pension Fund to the Village of Huntley for the transfer of Alex Panvino's contributions.
 - f. It was confirmed that John Diskin no longer was receiving Workman's Compensation as reported at the October, 2012 meeting and was now drawing his disability payments from the Pension Fund. Workman's Comp stopped as of September 12th, 2012.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. A new application for membership into the fund was presented. Officer Matthew Schumann's application was reviewed and approved. However, it has to be determined by Cary Collins if Schumann falls under the Tier I or Tier II benefits. This was added to his application by Mr. Collins as to what Tier he shall ultimately fall under. Further details are needed as to Schumann's past employment and pension contributions in order to make a final decision into this. Schumann's effective date for the Pension was marked as October 30th, 2012.
- b. Mary Murren, who was present for the meeting again stated that she was retiring from being President of the Pension Board after several years' service. Mary provided a brief biography of her involvement these past 35 years to the Village of Fox River Grove. Mary was thanked by all the members of the board for her tireless work for the Village and Pension Fund and would be sorely missed.
- c. With Mary Murren's retirement from the Board, Village President Robert Nunamaker confirmed his choice to replace Mary with Penny Toppel on the Pension Board. Penny was unanimously approved for the position and formally welcomed. A discussion was made about the terms of the two Mayoral appointees. It was decided that Dick Resseguie's term would expire April 30, 2014 while Penny's term would expire April 30th, 2013. This will require Village President Nunamaker to make his appointment again during the month of April, 2013. It was also asked of the Village President to provide a written letter of his selection to the Pension Board.
- d. It was brought up again of errors in the latest audit. Mark and Penny will be working on this and file a corrected annual report.
- e. New Officers for the board were elected as follows:
 1. Dick Resseguie as President. Nominated by Toppel, second by Slovacek.
 2. Penny Toppel as Vice-President. Nominated by Resseguie, second by Caselli.
 3. Mark Slovacek as Secretary. Nominated by Toppel, seconded by Caselli.
 4. Mike Miller was appointed as Asst. Secretary.All positions were voted upon and unanimously approved.
- f. Mark Slovacek brought up the requirements by the State of training of Board members (32 hours) and the need of continuing training annually (16 hours). He voiced concern of the costs associated with this training through IPPAC and if there was any remedy to these costs. Mr. Collins reported that there was no solution at this time to avoid these costs of required training. However, he did say that the State was looking into making the annual continuing training a bi-annual event, rather than every year.

- g. Slovacek reported that an election was held for the Active Officer position to replace Domagala, who resigned his position at the October, 2012 meeting. Officer Michael Miller was the only officer to submit his name for consideration and after 9 ballots were distributed to the full time officers, 8 ballots were returned. 7 votes were cast for Miller and one write in vote for Officer Bowers. Ballots were examined and certified by Dick Resseguie and Mark Slovacek. Penny Toppel made a motion to accept Miller onto the Pension Board with second by Dick Resseguie. Vote was unanimous for Miller and was welcomed onto the Pension Board to complete the term until April 30, 2013.
 - h. Slovacek reported that there would be another election in April for both Active Officer positions and the retired Officer position. Slovacek will send notices to all parties involved asking for letters of intent and ultimately, ballots being distributed to all active or retired officers. Election will commence beginning of April, 2013 and end April 15th. New Officers will take office effective May 14th, 2013. These dates are set by State Statute for elections of Board members.
 - i. Slovacek gave brief synopsis of the Winter IPPAC Conference held in December. Though it was informative, Slovacek did say that some of the guest speakers were talking above the participants regarding investments. Slovacek felt that to fully understand it all, you should have a degree in finance rather than being a Police Officer or Firefighter. Slovacek did mention though that one speaker did say that a second retired officer could fill the position on the Pension Board of Active Officers if the Board was unable to fill the position due to no active officers volunteering to serve on the board. Mr. Collins believed this report not to be accurate and would check into it.
 - j. Rob Caselli reported that he has accepted a position with the Vernon Hills Police Department and was resigning from the Police Department, effective January 11th. Due to this change, Caselli also will be resigning his position on the Pension Board. Caselli was asked to submit a written letter to the Pension Fund regarding his resignation. He was thanked for his services to not only the Board, but also to the Village and wished him well in his new position.
8. Meeting was adjourned at 1855 hours due to another Village meeting commencing in the meeting room at the same time. Next Pension Board meeting scheduled for April 3rd, 2013 5:30 p.m. at the Fox River Grove Village Hall.

Members present: Dick Resseguie, Penny Toppel, Mark Slovacek, Rob Caselli and Mike Miller.