

Danbury Police Department

POST 1983 Pension Board

Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 29th, 2024 @ 1600 hrs Google Meet Video Conferencing

Board Members Present:

Mayor Alves, Det. Capt. Williams, Det. Lt. Malone, Sgt. Iaquinto, Dan Garrick, Councilman Buzaid, Phil Curran

- The meeting was called to order by Det. Lt. Malone at 1605 hours.
- A motion to grant Officer Anthony Maher's years of service pension was made by Det. Capt. Williams and seconded by Sgt. Iaquinto. Officer Maher was hired on 8/10/1983 and his last day of service was 1/25/2024. The estimate was reviewed with the supporting article of the ordinance being 32-105(b). All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.
- A motion was made by Det. Lt. Malone and seconded by Det. Capt. Williams to grant Officer Paul Tibbitts a line of duty disability pension. There was discussion on the thoroughness of one of the IMEs but ultimately both doctors concur that Officer Tibbitts was disabled in the line of duty and he is unable to perform the duties of a police officer as defined. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously. Officer Tibbitts was hired on 12/22/2014 and with this motion passing his last day of employment with the City of Danbury shall be 1/29/2024.
- With the agenda discussed the floor was opened to new business.
- Councilman Buzaid stated that the board should have a better understanding of what is presented and requested when a member goes to a medical examiner for an IME.
- A discussion was held on current issues regarding retired LT. Gantert and retired Sgt. DeRocco not receiving their pensions due to a dispute with their calculations of benefit.
- There was discussion regarding the board's vote on these pensions and why they are not being honored.
- There was discussion regarding council and outside councils opinion.
- Communication between the board and council was discussed.
- Mayor Alves expressed that he wants to get pensions to the retirees even with the current disputes, and the issues regarding the calculations can be rectified at a later time.
- Councilman Buzaid wants to get up to speed on these issues and requests a board meeting in 2 weeks to further this discussion.
- The meeting was adjourned at 1659.

Minutes prepared by Detective Lieutenant Matthew Malone, Secretary.