



DANBURY FIRE PENSION BOARD
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Minutes of meeting, Aug 19 2010.

A regular meeting of the pension board was called to order on Aug. 19 2010 at 09:05.

In attendance were Jim Johnson, Phil Curran, David St Hilaire, Fred Pollard, Paul Omasta, Corporate Council Diane Rosemark, and Jeff Tomchik from Local 801.

On the agenda was:

1. Pension request of Dispatcher John Lambe
2. Pension request of Dispatcher David Sable.

A pension request letter from Mr. Sable was read by Mr. Johnson. Mr. Sable requested pension under Section 14-31(a) Optional Retirement, Mr. Sable's date of hire was 2/26/1979 and his date of promotion to Dispatcher was 11/13/1989, entitling him to a pension of 62% (sixty-two percent) of top step Dispatcher's pay. Mr. Sable's effective date would be 09/07/2010.

A motion to Pension Mr. Sable was made by Mr. Curran and seconded by Mr. Omasta.

Under discussion, Mr. Sable was thanked for his 31 dedicated years of service to the Danbury Fire Department.

The motion was passed, all in favor.

A pension request letter from Mr. Lambe was read by Mr. Johnson. Mr. Lambe requested pension under Section 14-32, Retirement for disability incurred in the line of duty. Mr. Lambe's initial request was to be seen by one Cardiologist and one Neurologist but had changed his request to be seen by two cardiologists instead.

A motion to Pension Mr. Lambe was made by Mr. Johnson and seconded by Mr. Omasta. Under discussion Mr. Pollard asked Corporate Council Diane Rosemark about the Heart and Hypertension law that might apply to this pension. Ms. Rosemark explained that there was not an accepted Heart and Hypertension claim at this time and once the claim were accepted, a disability pension request under Heart and Hypertension could be made. Ms Rosemark further stated that once the Heart and Hypertension claim was accepted by the City all pensions would revert back to a service incurred disability pension.

Ms Rosemark further clarified the procedure that needed to be made for Mr. Lambe to be pensioned under Section 14-32. Questions by Mr. Omasta and Mr. Curran as well as Mr. Tomchik were asked about the presumptive law and how it applied to the City pension. All

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questions were discussed at length by all. Mr. Curran suggested Mr. Lambe withdraw his disability claim and resubmit his pension request under Section 14-33, Retirement for disabilities not connected with duties.

Mr. Tomchik produced a second request from Mr. Lambe that stated if his application for a service connected disability was denied that he would like a non service connected disability pension. Also when his disability is deemed service connected, he plans to reapply for a service connected disability.

With the new letter in hand, Mr. Johnson requested to remove his original motion for a service connected disability pension. Mr. Omasta removed his second on the motion.

A motion was made by Mr. Johnson and seconded by Mr. Pollard to add another item to the agenda. There was no discussion and the motion was passed by all.

Mr. Lambe's new letter for a non service connected disability pension was read to the panel. It was dated July 21, 2010 and signed by John E. Lambe. A motion to accept letter was made by Mr. Curran and seconded by Mr. Johnson. There was no discussion and the motion passed.

A motion was made by Mr. Curran and seconded by Mr. Omasta to accept the request for a non service connected disability pension for Mr. Lambe. This would fall under Section 14-33.

Under discussion, Mr. Tomchik stated that Mr. Lambe did not want his pension granted in this manner and that it was a "last resort" because of the lack of pay at this time. Mr. Lambe was thanked for his "definitely dedicated" service to the City.

The motion was passed by all.

The pension would be effective today, August 19, 2010. Mr. Lambe's date of hire was 02/26/1979 and his date of promotion to Dispatcher was 11/13/1989. This would give Mr. Lambe 31 full years which entitled him to (62%) sixty-two percent pension plus and non service related disability adjusted additional five (5%) which would equal sixty-seven (67%) of top step dispatchers pay.

A motion for adjournment was made by Mr. Curran and seconded by Mr. Omasta. Motion passed, adjournment was made at 10:05.

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