



**DANBURY FIRE PENSION BOARD**  
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A special meeting of the Danbury Fire Pension Board commenced at 1:05pm June 06,2012.

Attending were Mr. Johnson, Mr. Curran, Mr. Pollard Mr. Omasta and Atty Rosemark.

On the agenda:

1. Request for pension by Captain Ronald Bowers.
2. Adjustment of survivor benefits for the widow of Lt Donald Peck.

Captain Bowers letter was read and a motion to accept letter was made by Mr. Pollard and seconded by Mr. Omasta. There was no discussion and motion passed by all.

Jeff Tomchik of Local 801 arrived to sit in.

A motion to pension Captain Bowers at his request was made by Mr. Pollard, seconded by Mr. Omasta. Under discussion, Mr. Curran stated no one was ever pensioned off at a higher rate, but some were pensioned at Provisional pay only when they pensioned while serving in the Provisional Rank. He further stated the pension was always based on the "last paycheck".

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Mr. Johnson concurred. Mr. Pollard stated nowhere in the Pension Plan ordinances were the “last paycheck” statement, nor does it stipulate that one would have to be in the position at the time of retirement. Mr. Pollard stated the ordinance clearly stated “highest salary or compensation attained”. Mr. St Hilaire arrived.

More discussion on who was pensioned at provisional pay and who was not. Atty Rosemark spoke of the plain language of the ordinance coupled with the fact pension contributions were taken out of the paycheck at the higher provisional rate. She stated she found no language of “last paycheck” or last rank held. There was discussion of the 6 year appeals ordinance, and Mr. St Hilaire stated the board needed future direction to see if possible previous cases would come back and open the board up to potential financial consequences. Atty Rosemark stated she would write an opinion and submit it to the board. Mr. Tomchik spoke of contract changes from the term Interim to Provisional. There was more discussion of “last paycheck” and the plain language of the ordinance. The motion was moved to



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a vote. Mr. Pollard=yes, Mr. Omasta=yes, Mr. Curran=no, Mr. St Hilaire=no. The motion was withdrawn by Mr. Pollard . There would be further review and the board would refer the matter to Atty Rosemark for a written opinion.

Mr. Pollard made a motion to hold over discussion until the next meeting. Seconded by Mr. Omasta. Motion passed by all.

Second on the agenda was survivor benefits for the widow of Lt. Donald Peck. Lt. Peck passed away on May 9, 2012. Lt. Peck was pensioned on a Heart and Hypertension disability pension but passed away from lung cancer. A motion to adjust his pension by 50(fifty) percent to his surviving spouse per the ordinance was made by Mr. Pollard, seconded by Mr. St Hilaire.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Curran, seconded by Mr. Omasta was made. Motion passed by all. Adjournment was made.

Respectfully submitted,

Fred Pollard Secretary

Danbury Fire Pension Fund.