

**CITY OF MIDDLETOWN  
MINUTES OF THE RETIREMENT BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING  
Monday, August 15, 2016 at 9:00 am**

The Regular Meeting of the Retirement Board of the City of Middletown  
was held in room 208 of the Municipal Building

**Board Members Present:** Steve Gomes, John Milardo, Jim Reynolds, Linda Salafia, Joe Serra

**Board Members Absent:** Mayor Drew, Carl Erlacher, Mary Bartolotta

**City Employees/Public/Others Present:** Diana Doyle, Gerry Goldberg (GYL Financial Synergies), Mike Lepore (GYL Financial Synergies)

- Meeting Called to Order at 9:10 am
- Public Comments on the Agenda
  - For the record, Steve stated that he was not in favor of the CPI changes, stating a conflict of interest
  - Joe stated that all (members of the Board) have a conflict of interest, if all abstained no business would get done
- Approval of Minutes from May 16, 2016 regular meeting & July 25, 2016 special meeting
  - Linda motioned to approve both and was seconded by John
  - All in Favor, with Steve abstaining from July 25, 2016 Special Meeting minutes
- Review of Investments
  - The Pension Fund value at the end of the second quarter (June 30) was \$365,369,281; as of August 12, the value was \$377,655,000 - net of cash flows, \$13,370,000 in growth, approximately 2% (increase)
  - Mike reviewed the performance of the Pension Plan Fund Managers; noted that CS McKee had been the primary driver to (the Plan's) under performance and since the manager was removed the overall performance (of the Plan) has been reasonably consistent
  - Diana asked for the results of the search for a new investment manager replacing CS McKee; Gerry stated that a recommendation will be presented to the Board at the next meeting
  - Mike continued review, stated the OPEB Fund value at the end of the second quarter (June 30) was \$9,774,470
  - Diana stated that the Common Council adopted the 16-17 budget that included a \$600,000 contribution to the OPEB Trust Fund, which has been processed; affirmed that the current annual funding should be \$8-9 million to reach level needed to meet obligations
  - Mike stated that - according to a previous Hooker & Holcomb report - Middletown falls in top third of municipalities in state regarding OPEB funding
  - Gerry updated Board regarding GYL Financial Synergies becoming a fully independent registered investment advisory firm in July, completing the separation from Wells Fargo; stated that WF has no platform for providing custodial services for independent firms; assets are now in custody of Fidelity, offering the same protections and coverage
  - Diana stated that Carl, Mayor Drew and Gerry processed necessary paperwork to effectuate the change; encouraged the Board to make a motion to endorse the change from Wells Fargo to Fidelity with GYL Financial Synergies

- o Joe motioned to accept the change, as stated by Diana, and was seconded by Steve
- o All in favor

<u>Applications for Membership</u>	<u>Start Date</u>	<u>Union</u>	<u>Department</u>
Oscar Delima	6/20/16	Police	Police
Kevin Elak	7/5/16	466	Health
Gregory Fudge	7/18/16	466	BOE
Johana Iguina	8/1/16	466	PW
Stefan Inglis	7/1/16	Police	Police
Daun Kowalski	7/31/16	Police	Animal Control
Michael Pellegrini	7/1/16	Police	Police
Brian Robillard	5/31/16	UPSEU	W&S
David Skarzynski	7/1/16	Police	Police

- o Joe motioned to accept new members and was seconded by John
- o All in favor

<u>Requests to Retire/Collect/Vest</u>	<u>Years of Svc</u>	<u>Department/Union</u>
Emanuela Barone	23 yrs	Tax Collector/466
Gary Corriveau	22 yrs	BOE/466
Jessie Hunter	22 yrs	Parks/466
James McElrath	15 yrs	PW/466
Frederick Rau	17 yrs	PW/466
Manfred Rehm (vest)	12 yrs	Health/466
Matthew Scarrozzo	28 yrs	Fire/Fire
Angel Valentin	5 yrs	Police/Police

<u>Refund Requests/Adjustments</u>	<u>Department/Union</u>
Laura Maturo	QDRO adjustment
Lynn Scarrozzo	QDRO adjustment

- Deceased Pensioners
  - Antonio Corsino - benefits to spouse
  - Jeffrey Gifford - benefits refunded
  - Mary Leal
  - Vera Magee
  - Dorothy Wilson

- Adjournment of Meeting
  - o Joe motioned to adjourn and was seconded by John
  - o All in favor

Respectfully submitted:

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Diana Doyle, on behalf of Carl Erlacher  
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