

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY OF COTTONWOOD PUBLIC SAFETY RETIREMENT POLICE BOARD, HELD MARCH 08, 2018 AT 4:0 PM AT THE CITY OF COTTONWOOD PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING POLICE DEPT MEETING ROOM, 199 S 6TH ST., COTTONWOOD, ARIZONA.

The meeting was called to order by Monica Kuhlert at 4:06 p.m. Roll call was taken as follows:

Board Members Present

Kent Hellman, Civilian
Kirsten Lennon, Secretary
Tim Elinski, Chairman – via Telephone
Monica Kuhlert, Police Dept.
Matt Strickland, Police Dept.

Board Members Absent

Approval of Minutes – Kent Hellman moved to approve the minutes from the December 21, 2017 board meeting. The motion was seconded by Matt Strickland and the vote was carried unanimously in favor of approving the minutes.

Tate Stearley Accidental Disability Retirement Independent Medical Exam review and vote to approve or deny the Disability retirement request dated 09/25/2017- Monica Kuhlert mentioned that Kirsten Lennon had sent the copies of the medical exams and the findings to the board this week. The third and final report was received on 03-08-2018 and was sent to the board early in the day. Kirsten Lennon stated that she sent Tate Stearley to his first medical exam in November and Dr. Parker who gave the exam requested that Mr. Stearley go in for a Neuro-psychological exam before he made a determination. Mr. Stearley was then sent to a Dr. Lemberg for that exam and the findings and his opinion were sent back to Dr. Parker who then finished his report. Both the final report from Dr. Parker and the report from Dr. Lemberg state that they feel that Mr. Stearley can no longer perform the job duties of a Police Officer and that the disability was due to the event that happened on the job. Kent Hellman asked about a disability like this being permanent and is there a way to check in the future and see if they are able to come back to work as a Police Officer. Kirsten Lennon stated that yes we could request tax returns and exams if the board felt that the retired individual was able to go back to work as a Police Officer but that we would have to have a job to offer to the individual and they would have to refuse the job offer to withdraw the pension. Monica Kuhlert moved to approve the Accidental Disability retirement dated September 25, 2017 and it was seconded by Matt Strickland. The motion was carried unanimously in favor of approving the disability retirement. Tate Stearley will turn in his resignation as of 03/08/2018 due to the disability.

Old Business John Glock's application for Ordinary Disability Retirement and sending him to an IME- Kirsten Lennon stated that John Glock has elected to continue with his Ordinary Disability Retirement and that she needed the board's approval to send him in for an independent medical exam. Monica Kuhlert made a motion to send John Glock in for an independent medical exam, it was seconded by Chairman Elinski and carried unanimously in favor.

Discussion and acceptance of the FY 2017 Actuaries from Public Safety Personnel Retirement System for the Police Department- Kirsten Lennon told the board that the employer contribution will increase by a little over 1% for FY 2019 and that the unfunded liability increased by 1.7% partially due to the change in assumption in the updated mortality rates for retirees also due to wage inflation, and the lawsuits that were settled in FY 2018. Monica Kuhlert made the motion to accept the FY2017 Actuaries as presented from Public Safety Retirement. Kent Hellman seconded the motion and the motion was carried unanimously in favor of accepting the Actuaries.

Induction of New City of Cottonwood Police Officer into Public Safety Retirement- Monica Kuhlert read that Brandon Clark would be re-added to the City of Cottonwoods Police department as of January 5, 2018. Monica

Kuhlt mentioned that Brandon Clark is a re-hire. Brandon Clark left the City of Cottonwood in 2017 and is returning without pre-existing conditions. Matt Strickland asked about PTSD as a pre-existing condition since Brandon Clark was involved in an Officer involved shooting while working for El Mirage. Matt Strickland asked if there is a psychological evaluation as part of the pre-employment testing. Monica Kuhlt stated that there was but that really no officer would be hired if there was any sign of a psychological issues. There was a discussion about a psychological evaluation being a City of Cottonwood policy and the increase in PTSD cases in the profession. The motion was made by Monica Kuhlt to allow Brandon Clark to join PSPRS as of January 5, 2018 with no pre-existing conditions. The motion was seconded by Kent Hellman and carried unanimously in favor of approving his membership.

Call to Public- The call to the public was made.

Adjournment

There being no further business Kent Hellman moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:30 pm and it was seconded by Matt Strickland and the vote was carried unanimously in favor and the meeting was adjourned.

Attest:



Kirsten Lennon, Secretary

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