

Eden Prairie Firefighter Relief Association

Board of Trustees Meeting

March 28, 2019

Trustees in attendance: Tom Wilson, Doug Hayden, Eric Hayes, Kathy Nelson, Sue Kotchevar, Collin O'Brien, Travis Dahlke, Kevin Schmieg. Guest: Glen Toewe.

President Hayes called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. Mr. Schmieg was thanked for his participation on the Board. The new Fire Chief begins duty on April 1, 2019.

The minutes of the February 28, 2019 Board of Trustees meeting were reviewed. Mr. Hayden made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. O'Brien seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by unanimous voice vote.

Officer's Reports:

President: Raised the possibility of a golf event to benefit the Eden Prairie Firefighter Relief Association (EPFRA) to replace of the golf event the Eden Prairie Fire Department (EPFD) previously conducted to benefit the American Cancer Society. The role the EPFRA would play was discussed. Any financial support by the EPFRA over \$500.00 would require approval from the general membership. An informational memo may be sent to the retired members of the EPFRA to gauge interest in a golf event as a volunteer or participant. The ability to actually carry out an event like this would require a significant commitment by the active members of the EPFRA. Further discussion planned.

Vice President: No Report

Secretary: Reported on the Volunteer Fire Relief Association Working Group bill. The House and Senate bills cleared the Legislative Commission on Pensions and Retirement and will be included in the Omnibus Pension bill. The bill includes raising the floor where additional financial audit reporting is required from \$25,000,000.00 to \$50,000,000. The application for retirement benefits has been sent to Thomas Fischer and will be sent to Steve Tessman in the next few weeks.

Treasurer:

Account Balances

Special Account	\$104,604.30
General Account	\$ 9,956.11

Accounts Payable / Special Account

Pension benefits	\$ 93,489.34
ADP payroll (Feb)	\$ 285.89
Doug Bourne back pay	\$ 560.00

Accounts Payable / General Account

Travis Dahlke	\$ 300.00
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Accounts Receivable / Special Account

Wells Fargo (distribution for Feb.pension payment)	\$ 94,000.00
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Accounts Receivable / General Account

City of Eden Prairie (ff dues 3/3/19)	\$ 172.03
City of Eden Prairie (ff dues 3/24/19)	\$ 288.81

Financial audit continues at this time.

Unfinished Business:

Mr. Dahkle reported on the website update. The Relief Association now has its own section under the Fire Department on the City website and is no longer listed under Becoming a Firefighter. The button to donate to the EPFRA via Paypal is also now on the website under the Relief Association heading. A statement may be added on the website to explain how donations are used and added to the information handed out by the EPFD at public service events.

The digitization of EPFRA permanent records continues to be delayed by the current audit process.

New Business:

The Board discussed updating Article IX to raise the death benefit for firefighters with less than one year of service from \$10,000.00 to \$12,400.00. The intent of Article IX was to pay a death benefit to firefighters with less than one year of service the same as a firefighter with one year of service. The plan going forward is to have the Article amended, on advice of legal counsel, to state that the death benefit for a firefighter with less than one year of service would be the same as a firefighter with one year of service and avoid specific dollar amount. The amendment would proceed through the approval process including a general membership vote at the Annual Meeting in June.

There being no additional business a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. O'Brien. Ms. Kotchevar seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 6:00 PM. The next meeting of the EPFRA Board of Trustees, including meeting with our investment advisors before the regular meeting, is scheduled for April 25, 2019 in the office of the EPFRA.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tom Wilson
Secretary, EPFRA Board of Trustees