

# Eden Prairie Firefighter Relief Association

Regular Meeting  
December 17, 2020

In attendance via video conference: Sue Kotchevar, Deanna Bassett, Doug Hayden, Tom Wilson, Travis Dahlke, Collin O'Brien, Scott Gerber, Kathy Nelson.

President O'Brien called the regular meeting of the Eden Prairie Firefighter Relief Association (EPFRA) Board of Trustees to order at 5:30 PM.

The minutes from the November 19, 2020 EPFRA Board of Trustees meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. Hayden. Ms. Kotchevar seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved by voice vote.

## Officer's Reports:

President: Met with our auditor from KDV. The audit process begins 1/1//2021.

Vice President: No report

Secretary: Meeting calendar for 2021 presented and will be posted on our City of Eden Prairie website. Additional copies provided for each station. The Office of the State Auditor (OSA) Volunteer Firefighter Relief Association Working Group met earlier this week. There was further discussion regarding combined service pensions and supplemental state aid payment calculation. No changes are planned at this time. There was also discussion regarding retention of service credit for non vested members of defined benefit (db) plans who leave a department and then later return. The group approved an option to allow for Relief Association db plans to determine how long service credits can be retained after a firefighter leaves a department. This period of time cannot be less than 5 years. If enacted, it would require an optional bylaw change.

Treasurer:

### Account Balances

Special Account	\$114,790.35
General Account	\$ 12,937.65

### Accounts Payable / Special Account

Pension benefits	\$ 93,264.01
ADP /payroll	\$ 303.44
Trustee officer's pay for 2020	\$ 9,500.00

### Accounts Receivable / Special Account

Wells Fargo / pension benefits	\$ 95,600.00
Interest	\$ 0.56

### Accounts Receivable / General Account

City of Eden Prairie, FF dues	\$ 313.63
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**Unfinished Business:**

There was ongoing discussion regarding the proposal from Chief Gerber that would create a system to provide funding for firefighter events and community service projects that could not otherwise be funded by the City of Eden Prairie. The raised funds would be held in the EPFRA General Account. The Board had several questions regarding its possible effect on our annual audit, additional Board responsibilities that might arise, and bylaw changes that might have to be made. The Board is generally supportive of the proposal. The fundraising proposal would require buy-in and approval from the EPFRA membership in order to move forward.

**New Business:**

Glenn Toewe is retiring on December 18, 2020. He has requested his lump sum retirement benefit of \$285,200.00 for 23 years of service. This amount was verified by Mr. Dahlke and Mr. O'Brien. Mr. Wilson made a motion to approve payment. Ms. Kotchevar seconded the motion. Motion was approved on a unanimous voice vote. Trustees meeting reimbursement was discussed. There were no objections raised to the nonsalaried trustees being paid \$50.00 for each meeting attended in 2020. The ex-officio members of the Board donated their meeting reimbursement back to the EPFRA General Account.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Hayden. Ms. Nelson seconded the motion. There being no objections the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 PM.

The next regular meeting of the EPFRA Board of Trustees (via video conference) will be held on January 28, 2021 at 5:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tom Wilson, Secretary  
EPFRA Board of Trustees