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REGULAR MEETING

RETIREMENT BOARD

APRIL 22, 2014

The regular meeting of the Retirement Board was called to order at 7:05 P.M. by Chairman Judy Nicolari. All present rose and pledged allegiance to the flag. Roll call was as follows:

Members present: John Finnucan, Board of Public Works
Daniel King, Board of Apportionment and Taxation
Elizabeth Lynch, Town Clerk
Judy Nicolari, City Treasurer
Joan Radin, Board of Aldermen
Lorie Vaccaro, Board of Aldermen

Also in attendance: John P. Marini, Corporation Counsel

Chairman Nicolari asked Mrs. Lynch to take minutes as there are no funds for a recording secretary. Mrs. Lynch agreed.

Chairman Nicolari noted that Eileen Ehman, an employee of the Board of Education was in attendance and she was listed on the agenda to discuss her membership in the retirement plan. Mrs. Ehman stated that she has been employed by the Ansonia Board of Education since 1987, first as a part-time employee and that she has been employed full time since 1996. She was never informed that she was eligible for membership in the plan but in 2004 she learned through another full-time employee, Sal Giannotti, that as a permanent, full-time employee she was.

In 2006 she petitioned to join the plan and a few years later, in 2008, she was allowed to enroll. She subsequently sent a letter requesting to buy back her years of service but received no response. In August, 2008 she contacted Jeff Poland of the Pension Service and provided him with all related documents but never received a response. She did not want to hire an attorney and did not pursue it further.

After a lengthy discussion it was suggested to Mrs. Ehman that she contact the Pension Service for an update on her request. Mrs. Nicolari provided contact information and Mrs. Ehman was asked to provide the board with the results. Mrs. Ehman asked if the board would support her request and Corporation Counsel Marini advised that all information needs to be collected first and that no guarantee could be made until all of the facts are presented and analyzed.

Mrs. Ehman stated that she has been asking for the backing of her employer for six years to resolve this matter and wanted to stress that she is looking for a "fair" resolution to the matter.

Neither of the two other employees who submitted requests for membership were present so no further discussion took place.

Mrs. Nicolari asked that the board approve the retirement of BOE employee Estelle Sharkey. It is a requirement for her application. Mrs. Radin made a motion to approve the retirement application of Estelle Sharkey; Mr. Vaccaro seconded; the motion was approved unanimously.

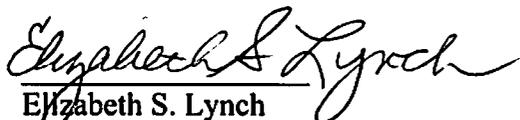
The retirement request for Mr. Charles Peter DelVaille Jr. was also discussed and a motion was made by Mrs. Radin to refer the matter to Corporation Counsel Marini for further review; seconded by Mr. Finnucan; the motion was approved unanimously.

The board agreed to schedule another meeting on May 20, 2014 at 7:00 P.M. at City Hall. It was agreed that future meeting will be held on an as-needed basis.

There was a general discussion regarding Worker's Compensation and employment contracts and how the Retirement Board can be involved in simplifying matters and setting policies to avoid confusion in the retirement process. It was agreed that, moving forward, any new employee hired should be provided with all information pertaining to what, if any, retirement plan they are eligible to enroll in and how.

Mr. Vaccaro made a motion to adjourn at 7:50 P.M.; was made by Mr. Vaccaro; seconded by Mrs. Radin. Approved unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,


Elizabeth S. Lynch
Secretary