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MEETING MINUTES

RETIREMENT BOARD

JUNE 17, 2014

The meeting of the Retirement Board was called to order at 6:05 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, Treasurer
Joan Radin, Board of Aldermen
Lorie Vaccaro, Board of Aldermen

Members absent: Michael Smerznak, Board of Apportionment and Taxation

Also present: John P. Marini, Corporation Counsel
Attorney Lisa Egan; Berchem, Moses and Devlin
Attorney Floyd Dugas; Berchem, Moses and Devlin
Comptroller William Nimons
Asst. Comptroller Richard Bshara

Chairman Nicolari declared a quorum and thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Chairman Nicolari explained that the board is trying to reach an acceptable resolution to the ongoing matter involving Board of Education employees Eileen Ehman and James Gaskins and the status of their retirement eligibility as well as the possibility of "buying back" previous years toward their retirement benefit.

There was a lengthy discussion as to the notice of the meeting and whether the parties involved must be notified and also be included in any executive session. Mrs. Radin stated that she would prefer to discuss the matter without the involved parties present and that the board needs a establish a starting place. Mrs. Ehman made it clear that she would like to be included and it was agreed that the board would meet in executive session separately first and then speak to Mrs. Ehman and Mr. Gaskins after that.

Ms. Nicolari said that although this matter has been going on for some time, it is new to most of the members currently on the board. She acknowledged Mrs. Ehman's frustration but made it clear that we, as a board, want to do what is right.

Mr. Finnucan made a motion at 6:25 p.m. to enter executive session; seconded by Joan Radin. Approved unanimously.

At 7:05 p.m. Mrs. Ehman and Mr. Gaskins were asked to enter the executive session.

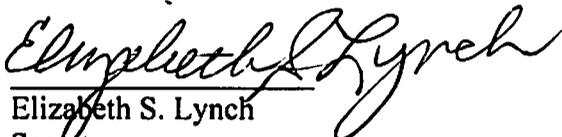
At 7:05 p.m. Corporation Counsel John P. Marini, Lorie Vaccaro and Joan Radin left to attend a Board of Aldermen meeting.

Mr. King made a motion to return to regular session at 7:15 p.m.; seconded by Mr Finnucan. Approved unanimously.

Mrs. Ehman asked for a timetable as to when the matter will be resolved. She asked "...will it be more than week?, less than three months? Ms. Nicolari said that the board will schedule another meeting as soon as there is clarification and a recommendation from Attorneys Egan and Dugas.

At 7:20 p.m. Mr. Finnucan stated that he must leave. Mr. King made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Mrs. Lynch. Approved unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Elizabeth S. Lynch
Secretary