

**CITY OF DETROIT POLICE AND FIRE RETIREE HEALTHCARE TRUST**



**Meeting Minutes - Administrative Committee Board**

**Monday, April 09, 2018**

**9:30 am at the Retired Detroit Police & Fire Fighters Association office  
Conference Call In: 1-866-730-7512 Access Code 700275 Host**

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| <b>Trustees:</b> | <b>Chet Opolski</b>   | <b>Chairman</b>          |
|                  | <b>John Clark (T)</b> | <b>VP Chairman</b>       |
|                  | <b>Don Taylor</b>     | <b>Trustee</b>           |
|                  | <b>Tom Sheehan</b>    | <b>Trustee</b>           |
|                  | <b>John Barr</b>      | <b>Trustee</b>           |
| <b>ABS:</b>      | <b>Lisa Duncan</b>    | <b>VMT: Aaron Castle</b> |
|                  | <b>Chesla Emerick</b> |                          |

The meeting was held at the offices of the Retired Detroit Police & Fire Fighters Association office, RDPFFA, at 2525 e 14 Mile Road, Sterling Hgts., MI 48310. The Chairman called the Board meeting to order at 9:30.

- Legal Counsel representative(s): A. Castle
- ABS representative(s): L. Duncan & C. Emerick

**Motion – To accept the agenda dated April 09, 2018: By T. Sheehan, seconded by J. Clark**

- Motion Carried – unanimously

**Motion – To accept the Meeting Minutes dated March 12, 2018: By T. Sheehan, seconded by J. Clark**

- Motion Carried – unanimously

**Legal Report**

**Trust Agreement** - Legal has been working on the Trust Agreement and the language for Public Act 557 of 2016 in regard to the Trust Agreement and Trustee removal language.

The board was given the recommendation to leave the verbiage as it is, as Legal does not believe it's a direct violation of the law. Legal went over a scenario of when the verbiage could be problematic, but not a violation of law.

Weiler Spouses – Coverage was extended to spouses. Once divorced, they are no longer legally a spouse. If a member passes away, they would still be considered a spouse.

Legal believes there may be an issue with COBRA & the HRA for divorced spouses. Legal and ABS to research further.

BCBS & BCN Invoice - General Counsel was contacted by BCBS in regard to an invoice for the months of October, November, and December of 2015 for the Medicare plans. At the time the Benefit Express would have been the administrator of benefits for the VEBA. Legal & ABS received a PDF file for the 4,000 members that were covered. ABS to go back to BCBS and request an excel file of the members the VEBA is being billed for. File is needed to complete an audit to ensure the invoice is correct.

## **5. Administrator Report/Administrative Committee Report**

**Motion** – To go into closed session at 10:03am: By J. Barr, seconded by T. Sheehan

- Chet Opolski – yes
- John Clark – yes
- Don Taylor – yes
- Tom Sheehan - yes
- John Bar – yes

**Motion** - To come out of closed session at 10: 05am: By J. Barr, second by T. Sheehan.

- Motion Carried – unanimously

**Motion** - To recommend the board of directors reimburse Mr. Baskin for 2016 claims: By J. Clark, second by J. Barr.

- Opposed - T. Sheehan.
- Motion Carries

## **Unfinished Business**

Divorced Weiler members - Keep on agenda

## **Business Agent Report**

Craig Schwartz – Add to next Board agenda under unfinished business

Which VEBA should Mr. Schwartz be in? Discussion to follow. ABS to verify with Pension when Mr. Schwartz started to receive benefits.

**\*\*Break from 10:37am - 10:41am\*\***

**Letter to Membership** – Was drafted with Legal, and is down to one page. ABS to deliver envelopes later this week. Letter will be prepared and mailed.

### **New Business / Open Forum**

Next meeting May 14, 2018 – Lisa will be absent

**\*\*ABS was excused from meeting at 10:45am\*\***

### **9. Adjournment**

**Motion** - to adjourn the Administrative Committee meeting: By T. Sheehan, support by J. Barr.  
- Motion carried – unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 11:13am.