

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 0905 by Board President Randy Schultz

**II. ATTENDEES PRESENT**

1. Randy Schultz
2. Mark Guth
3. Mike Barreto
4. Jack Festen
5. Dave Danielson
6. Cary Collins
7. Tom Hartwell
8. Eric Laughlin

**b. ATTENDED VIA ZOOM**

1. David Mejia (Collins, Radja and Hartwell)

**c. ATTENDED VIA PHONE**

1. None

**d. ABSENT**

1. None

**III. AUDIENCE PRESENT**

None

**IV. REPORT OF INVESTMENT**

Morgan Stanley / Smith Barney: Eric Laughlin

- A. Eric provided the board with a market overview and an investment summary of the West Dundee Firefighters Pension Fund portfolio for the Fourth Quarter of 2021. The report showed investment performance for the fund and the current status of the market.
- B. Eric noted that the market had its best month since 1987 in November of 2020 but he is expecting about a 10% correction soon which is good because then the market can push forward again.
- C. Eric stated that Morgan Stanley believes the Large Cap Growth (mostly technology) stocks that have occupied the top spot for the last ten years as far as return percentages overall and are going to fall off. Eric believes it would be prudent to move \$100,000 from the American Growth Fund of America into American

Europacific GRW Fund to capture what will then be giant growth in the emerging markets.

- D. Eric noted our allowable investments are 55% for equities and we are just below 1% more than that and he asked if we were going to rebalance. Randy again responded that we are looking at it but we have no new investments.
- E. Dave Danielson mentioned that we would need to get about \$200K to pay pensioners as well.

**MOTION:** Board member Mike Barreto motioned to accept the financial report as presented. Motion was seconded by Jack Festen. The motion was carried unanimously by voice vote.

#### **V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. Approval of November 4, 2020 meeting minutes.

**MOTION:** Board member Mark Guth motioned to approve the minutes with an edit to the date at the top from August 5 to November 4. Motion was seconded by Dave Danielson. The motion was carried unanimously by voice vote.

#### **VI. CORRESPONDENCE**

- a. Received a letter for trustee training for 2021 from IPAAC.

#### **VII. TREASURERS REPORT**

- a. October, November and December Disbursements
- b. Board Treasurer Dave Danielson sent a Treasurers Report for board approval from October, November and December 2020. Total fund value of \$8,815,399.10 showing and increase of \$661,036.38 from third quarter of 2020.
- c. Dave stated that current bills for the fund amount to about \$52,000 a month to cover expenses and pensioners.

**MOTION:** Board member Mark Guth motioned to approve the Treasurers Report as presented. Motion was seconded by Mike Barreto. The motion was carried unanimously by voice vote.

**MOTION:** Board member Mark Guth motioned to ratify disbursements for October, November and December 2020. Motion was seconded by Jack Festen. The motion was carried by roll call vote.

Randy - yes, Mike – yes, Mark – yes, Jack – yes, Dave - yes.

## VIII. INVESTMENT ACTIONS

**MOTION:** Board member Dave Danielson motioned to move \$100,000 from the American Growth Fund of America into American Europacific GRW Fund. Motion was seconded by Mark Guth. The motion was carried by roll call vote.

Randy - yes, Mike – yes, Mark – yes, Jack – yes, Dave - yes.

**MOTION:** Board member Mike Barreto motioned to move \$200,000 from fixed income to cash to pay for fund operations. Motion was seconded by Mark Guth. The motion was carried by roll call vote.

Randy - yes, Mike – yes, Mark – yes, Jack – yes, Dave - yes.

## IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

### a. Trustee Education

1. All members have completed trustee training for 2020 and certificates are in the hands of Secretary Barreto.

### b. Fire Chief Pension Participation

1. Letter of understanding drafted by Collins, Radja and Hartwell and is up for board review.

**MOTION:** Board member Jack Festen motioned to allow President Schultz to sign the letter of understanding with the Village regarding the Fire Chief Pension exclusion. Motion was seconded by Mark Guth. The motion was carried by unanimous voice vote.

### c. Pension Finance Consolidation

1. Pension consolidation committee is moving forward and has borrowed \$7.5 million from the general fund of Illinois to continue operation and Secretary Barreto should expect a call from Dodds soon.

### d. Wilcox Annual Physical

1. Not completed due to a change in the law firm to add Tom Hartwell to the partners but will be expedited to be completed now.

### e. 2021 Budget

1. Presented by Dave Danielson as a preparation for the change in holdings with a standard option represented as column A totaling \$673,000 and a preparation option as column B totaling \$825,500. The board discussed and liked the flexible nature of column B not knowing how difficult it would be to work with getting funds from the new state finance group.

**MOTION:** Board member Dave Danielson motioned to accept Column B budget amount for the 2021 pension board budget in the amount of \$825,500. Motion was seconded by Mark Guth. The motion was carried by unanimous voice vote.

**X. NEW BUSINESS**

a. Actuarial Review

1. Board President Randy Schultz presented the board with the actuary of the DOI and the Nyhart actuary reports. The Village adopted the Nyhart actuary number in the amount of \$416,421 as opposed to the late receipt of the DOI number of \$433,142 with difference being a 1/8% higher expectation of return on investments from Nyhart.

b. Widmayer Benefit Eligibility

1. A letter was sent to pensioner Widmayer to remind him he is not to respond to emergency calls. Secretary Barreto made clarification that the call in question was an EMS call and he just happened to be with the chief at the time and a witness was needed in the back of the ambulance for transportation of a Psychiatric patient to the hospital.

c. April Elections

1. Elections discussed with Randy Schultz leaving the board due to ineligibility of his position and two Full-time members having put in their nominations for election. Discussion was had to retain Randy as a clerk position to assist the transition from President to whomever would take that position next.

**XI. ATTORNEY REPORT**

a. Board Attorney Cary Collins stated that Tom Hartwell had been added to the firm as a partner and made his introduction to the board stating that Tom would be attending board meetings in the future as Cary would take a backseat to the day to day.

**XII. OTHER BUSINESS**

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 10:17am.

Michael Barreto  
Board Secretary

