

**TOWN OF GREENWICH, CONNECTICUT  
RETIREMENT BOARD**

**April 2, 2009 Minutes – Gisborne Conference Room**

The regular meeting of the Retirement Board was called to order at 7:30 a.m. This meeting is held in lieu of the postponed March 19, 2009 meeting.

In attendance were:

Members Present: Michael, Pagliaro, Chairman  
John Chadwick  
Kevin Coyner  
Mark Kordick  
Peter Mynarski

Staff: James Lavin, Retirement Plans Administrator

Other: Larry Simon and Arthur Norton, BET Liaisons  
Douglas Moseley, NEPC  
Evan Dowd, Guest  
Joseph Fahrs, Guest  
Robert Kavee, Guest  
Penny Monahan, Guest

Chairman Pagliaro noted that a quorum was present.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Board reviewed the February 26, 2009, minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Retirement Board. Mr. Lavin pointed out two typographical errors and stated he would make the corrections.

Upon a motion by Mr. Kordick, seconded by Mr. Mynarski, the Board voted 5-0-0 to approve the Minutes for the February 26, 2009, Regular Meeting of the Retirement Board as amended above.

**ADMINISTRATORS REPORT**

Mr. Lavin reported that the Wellington Trust Company Credit Opportunity Investment legal documents have been placed on hold as Wellington has been unable to close on this fund due to an investor withdrawing.

The Board was provided Amendment Number 2 for the Retirement System, as prepared by Attorney Natalie Welsh, for review and subsequent approval at its April 23, 2009 meeting. Once approved, Attorney Welsh will submit the document to the Internal Revenue System by June 30, 2009, to comply with regulations.

The Representative Town Meeting approved a Retirement Incentive Program for current town employees. Some 229 employees are eligible and the Board was provided a copy of the Agreement for its information.

A draft request for proposals for investment management services was submitted to the Purchasing Department.

Upon a motion by Mr. Mynarski, seconded by Mr. Kordick, the Board voted 5-0-0 to accept the administrator's report.

**Retirees**

The Board reviewed the retirement profile for the below individuals:

Ennio DeVita                  Patricia Ritch

Upon a motion from Mr. Chadwick, seconded by Mr. Mynarski, the Board voted 5-0-0 to approve service retirements for the above listed individuals.

**Approval of Payments**

**Reserve Fund**

V Pensioners -- March payroll	\$ 1,703,220.46
David Krobot -- refund of contributions, layoff 3-13-09	1,358.64
Joanna Lipson -- refund of contributions, resignation 01/07/09	<u>6,877.46</u>
	1,711,456.56

**Expense Fund**

SV BlackRock	Prof. Svcs. Oct. to Dec. 2008	52,524.00
Corporate Express	Office Supplies	243.04
Crystal Rock	Office Supplies	58.10
Diversified Investment Advisors	Prof. Svcs. Oct. to Dec. 2008	22,500.00
NEPC	Prof. Svcs. Oct. to Dec. 2008	23,627.92
Orthopaedic Specialty Group	Rocco Furano Medical Exam	750.00
State Street Corp.	Jan. & Feb. 2009 Custody Svcs	13,822.51
Shipman & Goodwin LLP	Jan. 2009 Legal Services	663.50
USI Consulting Group	Feb. 2009 Svcs.	650.00
Wachovia Bank	Feb. 2009 Payroll Services	3,027.67
Xerox	Copier	<u>18.04</u>
	<b>Expense Fund Total</b>	117,884.78

**Payroll**

PV Vanesa Francis	2/1 -- 2/28/09	5,471.86
James Lavin	2/1 -- 2/28/09	<u>8,913.80</u>
	<b>Payroll Fund Total</b>	14,385.66

**Grand Total      \$ 1,843,727.00**

Upon a motion from Mr. Mynarski, seconded by Mr. Chadwick, the Board voted 5-0-0 to approve bill payments listed above.

## **Military Service**

One. Mr. Frank DeSalvo has applied to purchase two years and zero months of his active military service. Attached is his application form dated March 11, 2009. Mr. DeSalvo's military form DD 214 has been submitted and is on file in the Retirement Office. His check for \$3,889.85 has been received and duly receipted.

Upon a motion from Mr. Kordicki, seconded by Mr. Chadwick, the Board voted 5-0-0 to approve the military application as noted above.

## **INVESTMENT PERFORMANCE AND LIQUIDITY REPORT**

Mr. Moseley of NEPC presented the February 28, 2009, Flash Report. He also provide a schedule showing the March 31, 2009 Market Update.

The Policy Index figure was not yet available but the Allocation Index shows a decline of 5% for February. All indexes showed declines for the month along with active managers Buckhead Capital and Artio Global, who did, however, beat their benchmarks.

In the fixed income area, BlackRock and Loomis Sayles trailed their benchmarks for February. Real estate and private equity remain unchanged due to reporting time lags.

Mr. Lavin reported that it was necessary to transfer cash from the Short Term Investment Fund to meet the March payroll for retirees. He requested the Board confirm this transfer in a resolution and also inquired if they wished to liquidate securities to replenish the cash account. After discussion, the below motion was made:

Upon a motion from Mr. Mynarski, seconded by Mr. Coyner, the Board voted 5-0-0 to pay the March Retiree Payroll from the STIF with State Street Bank.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

On the item of the Draft Updated Plan Document, Mr. Lavin noted that he had provided the Board with a legal opinion from the Assistant Town Attorney on Legal Protection for Town Boards and Commission. There being no additional questions on the document the below motion was made:

Upon a motion from Mr. Chadwick, seconded by Mr. Kordick, the Board voted 5-0-0 to approve the Draft Updated Plan Document and submit it to the Law Department for legal and tax review.

EFI Actuaries, Inc. has provided to the Retirement Department software capable of projecting estimated pension costs under a variety of economic conditions.

## NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Andrew Phillips, Global Chief Operations Officer of Fixed Income and Ms. Marcy Rapaport, Director of the Accounts Management Group, of BlackRock presented the Board with a Portfolio Review Report for 2008.

Mr. Phillips led the Board through the report describing the poorest investment year since the 1930s along with some of the reasons for it. Credit markets did not perform as normal with the Federal Reserve and Treasury Department taking unprecedented steps to provide liquidity in financial markets that had seized up. There will be changes in government regulations and risk management models to attempt to deal with the current market conditions.

The Board asked Mr. Phillips to provide it with his view of how BlackRock plans to address the market in 2009. Mr. Phillips anticipates return volatility in the markets early in the year with improvement as the year goes on. How debt is securitized, the collateral supporting the debt and the ability of the borrower to pay back the debt are key issues. BlackRock believes its performance will improve during the year and provide value to Greenwich's investment above its benchmark.

Chairman Pagliaro thanked Mr. Phillips and Ms. Rapaport for their report. However, he pointed out the Board was disappointed in BlackRock's performance especially in view of their last report which proved unduly optimistic. Chairman Pagliaro noted that BlackRock is on Greenwich's watch list and we will meet with them again in the near future to review performance.

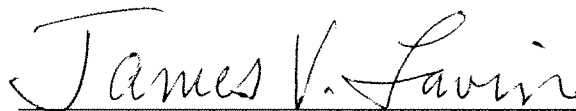
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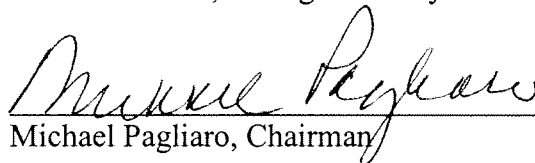
## ADJOURNMENT

The motion to adjourn was made, seconded and carried unanimously at 9:40 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



James V. Lavin, Acting Secretary to the Board



Michael Pagliaro, Chairman