

Doylestown Township

Pension Advisory Committee Meeting

~ MINUTES ~

425 Wells Road Doylestown, PA 18901 215-348-9915 http://Doylestownpa.org



Monday, March 9, 2020

4:30 PM

Large Conference Room

IN ATTENDANCE:

Members: Ed Denton, Sinclair Salisbury, Ken Wallace, Joe Delikat, Robert Salanik, Colleen

Mullin, Thomas Burke

Guest: Debra Brede, Nate Baldwin

Board of Supervisors Liaison: Jen Herring

Staff: Finance Director Ken Wallace

Absent: Twp. Manager Stephanie Manson and Police Rep. Bill Mokriski

I. WELCOME

MINUTES - February 10, 2020 II. Minutes were approved.

III. **OLD BUSINESS**

Finalize 2020 Goals

The Committee discussing their objectives for 2020, which was followed by Ms. Brede discussing the results for 2019 which segued into the current market conditions in 2020. Currently, company orders are down, the overall economy is still good and fundamentals are still good and would not recommend selling off stocks.

Ms. Brede continued with the review of the 2019 results covering the yearly activity on pages thirteen and seventeen specifically the Uniform and Non-Uniform MMO. Ms. Brede continued the presentation by covering topics Comparative Performances on page twenty, bond side of the market on twenty one, Blended Benchmark Rate of Return on page twenty two and Morningstar Hypothetical Portfolio Snapshot on page twenty three.

There was further discussion among the Committee members about bench marking and historical data. Currently, the equities are in indexes for example on page twenty and bonds are in active managers.

IV. **NEW BUSINESS:**

Review Pension Plan reports with Debra Brede

Investment Policy Statement

Discussion turned to the investment policy statement presented by Ms. Brede.

The Committee indicated they would like to have the IPS up for discussion among the Committee members for a goal to present to the DTWP Board of Supervisors in the future.

During this period of the meeting, there was discussion among the Committee members about foreign equity returns and overall discount rate for the pension plans.

Ms. Brede reiterated her opinion that the discount rate for the pension plans should be at six percent which is a work in progress towards that goal.

The Committee requested a written recommendation from DK Brede and Tom Anderson's office concerning the discount rate along with an analysis for the migration path to the six percent threshold.

Discuss Joint meeting with Ways & Means Committee

Further discussion ensued about a joint meeting between Ways-Means and the Pension Committee and to obtain a sensitivity report from Tom Anderson's office based on different discount rate scenarios.

The Committee discussed the DK Brede meeting, cash flow tracking among other items and Investment Advisor's ability to create reports involving compliance issues.

V. OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/FUTURE BUSINESS

For 2020 one of the items on the Committee's list is to start the RFP process for an Investment Advisor.

There was comment from the public about the Committee and its goals for the future.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted by

Ken Wallace