

**MINUTES**  
**HAMDEN EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT BOARD**  
**Wednesday, October 21, 2020 @ 2:00 PM**  
**ELECTRONIC SPECIAL MEETING**  
**Electronic Special Meeting pursuant to Paragraph 1 of Executive Order 7B.**  
**This was a 100% Electronic Meeting.**  
**Public Questions were emailed to [rmorgan@hamden.com](mailto:rmorgan@hamden.com)**  
**Attendees used the link below to join the meeting.**  
**<https://zoom.us/j/93424302462>**

Minutes of the Hamden Employees Retirement Board special meeting held  
Wednesday, October 21, 2020 @ 2:00 P.M.

**IN ACCORDANCE WITH A DECISION OF THE HAMDEN EMPLOYEES  
RETIREMENT BOARD, MINUTES WILL REFLECT INDIVIDUALS  
IN ATTENDANCE, MOTIONS MADE AND VOTES TAKEN.**

Finance Director Curtis Eatman called the meeting to order at 2:04 PM with Board members Police Sergeant William Onofrio, Fire Chief Gary Merwede, Public Works Superintendent Joseph Colello and Public members Attorney Carl Porto, Henry Dove and Robert Freeman in attendance. Mayor Curt Leng, Board members Robert Freeman and Carol Noble logged in after the roll call. Also in attendance were Board Attorney Marc Wallman, Personnel Director Ken Kelley, Administrative Secretary Renee Palumbo-Morgan and Henry Nearing of Segal Consulting.

Item 1 under **COLA discussion** was a recap given by Board Attorney Marc Wallman regarding the COLA overpayments and possible ways to recoup of the funds.

Item 2 under **Executive Session** was a motion by Board member Porto, seconded by Board member Freeman to go into executive session at 2:21 P.M. to discuss pending claims, litigation and strategy regarding the COLA recoupment. It was the unanimous decision of the Board to go into executive session at 2:21 P.M. On a motion by Board member Eatman, seconded by Board member Porto, it was the unanimous decision of the Board to return to regular session at 3:36 P.M., with Board members Eatman, Merwede, Dove, Freeman, Porto and Colello still in attendance. On a motion by Board member Porto, seconded by Board member Freeman, it was the unanimous decision of the Board to approve and authorize Board Attorney Wallman to retain up to two professional firms, up to \$12,000.00 each, to provide opinion and guidance as to various claims that may exist in favor of the Board for further examination by the Board upon receipt of their written report.

Item 3 under **Adjournment** was a motion by Board member Merwede, seconded by Board member Dove, it was the unanimous decision of the Board to adjourn at 3:38 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Kenneth S. Kelley  
Personnel Director

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