

PENSION BOARD FOR THE BOROUGH OF DUNMORE
SPECIAL MEETING

HELD:

Tuesday, January 14th, 2025

TIME:

5:30 P.M.

LOCATION:

DUNMORE COMMUNITY CENTER
1414 Monroe Avenue
Dunmore, Pennsylvania

P E N S I O N B O A R D S M E M B E R S :

JANET BRIER

MAX CONWAY, MAYOR

WILLIAM BONAVOGLIA

GREG WOLFF

MARK BURTON

GREG KAMLA

LAWRENCE DURKIN, ESQ., SOLICITOR

MARIA McCOOL, RPR
OFFICIAL COURT REPORTER

1 ATTY. DURKIN: All right. So we'll
2 call the January 14, 2025 special meeting of
3 the Dunmore Pension Fund to order. If we could
4 start with a roll call.

5 MR. WOLFF: Greg Wolff.

6 MS. BRIER: Janet Brier.

7 MR. BURTON: Mark Burton.

8 MR. BONAVOGLIA: Bill Bonavoglia.

9 MR. KAMLA: Greg Kamla.

10 MAYOR CONWAY: Max Conway.

11 ATTY. DURKIN: Larry Durkin. The
12 first item we have we received the minutes from
13 the last meeting we had which was September
14 10th, 2024. We have the transcript which I
15 have in front of me that Maria did. I'm
16 wondering if we can get a motion to approve the
17 minutes from the last meeting.

18 MR. WOLFF: I'll make that motion.

19 MS. BRIER: I'll second.

20 ATTY. DURKIN: On the question? All
21 in favor?

22 MS. BRIER: Aye.

23 MR. WOLFF: Aye.

24 MR. BURTON: Aye.

25 MR. KAMLA: Aye.

1 MR. BONAVOGLIA: Aye.

2 MAYOR CONWAY: Aye.

3 ATTY. DURKIN: And then the purpose
4 of the meeting is we have the DROP Application
5 for Bill Bonavoglia and the Board needs to
6 approve it. And the request for pension is
7 part of that. And so, Greg, do you want to
8 give a background on it?

9 MR. WOLFF: Sure. As most of you
10 guys know, the police department in an
11 arbitration award was awarded the DROP program,
12 Delayed Retirement Option Program. And Officer
13 Bonavoglia actually put in for it for August
14 1st.

15 It was just kind of brought to my
16 attention that we needed to approve this to get
17 the ball rolling on his DROP program. So he
18 meets all the requirements. He's over age 55,
19 25 years of service with paperwork from --

20 ATTY. DURKIN: It was actually
21 signed in July.

22 MR. WOLFF: Yeah, so we -- so it
23 should have been done then. So we need to get
24 it taken care of so we could start the process
25 of the DROP.

1 MS. BRIER: Will it be retro too?

2 MR. WOLFF: Yes. Yes.

3 ATTY. DURKIN: That's consistent of
4 what you want, Bill, right? You would be in it
5 effective August 1, 2024 through the end of
6 January of 2026 or up to that point.

7 MR. BONAVOGLIA: Yeah.

8 ATTY. DURKIN: Okay. We do have the
9 appropriate paperwork signed. Does everyone
10 understand what the DROP Program is?

11 MS. BRIER: Yes.

12 ATTY. DURKIN: All right. And then
13 we'll make the retroactive payment into the
14 account as of August 1, I guess.

15 MR. WOLFF: Correct.

16 MR. BONAVOGLIA: Do you want to do
17 August or it doesn't matter, like -- for you
18 guys it would be better to make it back to July
19 1st.

20 MR. WOLFF: Yeah, that's what we
21 were just speaking about before. So the
22 initial arbitration award said he had timeframe
23 start for July 1st. But it was rushed and we
24 weren't able to get everything together -- the
25 Borough wasn't able to get everything

1 together -- the ordinance and everything
2 together.

3 ATTY. DURKIN: But the award is as
4 of July 1st.

5 MR. WOLFF: The award is, correct,
6 says July 1st. So, yes, we could make it --

7 ATTY. DURKIN: As of July 1.

8 MR. WOLFF: That works for us. That
9 saves us a lot of money, so that works. What
10 Bill is suggesting because of the timeframe it
11 will brought him into January of 2026. So then
12 he would eligible for all of that and because
13 of when the arbitration award is, he said he's
14 more than willing to move it back to that July
15 1st date, which would bring him to the end of
16 2025 so he would be eligible to get all that
17 extra --

18 MS. BRIER: So the end date would be
19 12/31.

20 MR. BONAVOGLIA: Yes.

21 ATTY. DURKIN: So we need a motion
22 to approve it effective July 1, 2024.

23 MAYOR CONWAY: I'll make that
24 motion.

25 MR. KAMLA: I'll second it.

1 ATTY. DURKIN: Okay. On the
2 question? All in favor.

3 MR. WOLFF: Aye.

4 MS. BRIER: Aye.

5 MR. BURTON: Aye.

6 MR. KAMLA: Aye.

7 MAYOR CONWAY: Aye.

8 ATTY. DURKIN: Any opposed? Okay,
9 so it passes. And Greg said he's talked with
10 Ralph, you know --

11 MS. BRIER: Ralph Colo.

12 ATTY. DURKIN: -- get the money
13 paid. There is an interest rate that gets paid
14 on it. I think it's up to 4 point something
15 percent.

16 MR. WOLFF: 4 and a half percent
17 based on performance.

18 ATTY. DURKIN: Right. So, you know,
19 that hasn't been an issue lately. It won't be
20 any more than that but it won't be less than
21 zero.

22 MR. WOLFF: And I'll keep you posted
23 when I speak with Ralph Colo and Joe Duda.

24 MS. BRIER: This is our first one?

25 MR. WOLFF: This is the first one.

1 MS. BRIER: Our first DROP.

2 ATTY. DURKIN: Congratulations.

3 MR. WOLFF: Congratulations.

4 MR. BONAVOGLIA: Thanks.

5 ATTY. DURKIN: Congratulations on
6 your retirement or almost retirement. And that
7 was really it. Do we have any public comment?
8 No.

9 MR. WOLFF: Were we able to do Sally
10 Judge?

11 ATTY. DURKIN: Yeah, what was the --

12 MR. WOLFF: So Sally put her letter
13 of resignation in on August 23rd to be
14 effective January 31st of this year. So she
15 put the letter of resignation in on August 23,
16 2024 for her retirement to begin January 31st,
17 2025.

18 ATTY. DURKIN: She has the age in.

19 MR. WOLFF: She has the age. The
20 nonuniform is 15 years fully vested. And she's
21 been there since February 27th, 1995. And her
22 date of birth -- I don't want to make it too
23 public.

24 ATTY. DURKIN: She's over 55.

25 MR. WOLFF: She's over 55. I'll

1 save her that. So she meets all the
2 requirements for the nonuniform.

3 ATTY. DURKIN: So then we have a
4 second motion. Does anyone want to make a
5 motion?

6 MR. KAMLA: I'll make that motion.

7 MR. BONAVOGLIA: I'll second.

8 MR. BURTON: I'll second.

9 ATTY. DURKIN: On the question? All
10 in favor.

11 ALL MEMBERS: Aye.

12 ATTY. DURKIN: That's it. Motion to
13 adjourn.

14 MR. BURTON: Motion.

15 MR. BONAVOGLIA: Second.

16 MS. BRIER: Second.

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