Pension Committee Meeting August 15, 2024

The stated meeting of the Pension Committee of the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington was held on Thursday, August 15, 2024 via webinar and the Township Administration Building, Abington, PA, with Commissioner Spiegelman presiding.

CALL TO ORDER: 6:01 p.m.

PRESENT: Committee Members: Commissioner Spiegelman, Commissioner Winegrad
Excused: Commissioner Vahey, Director Clark

Employee Representative:	William Weir
Police Representative:	Officer Posey
Finance Director:	Jeannette Hermann
Manager of Financial Services:	Monica Embery

Others: Donald Grant, PFM
Janet Werner, Vice President, Wells Fargo Institutional Retirement and Trust

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Spiegelman made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Winegrad to approve the minutes from the Pension Committee Meeting from May 16, 2024.

MOTION was ADOPTED 4-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Second Quarter 2024 Pension Investment Performance Review:

Mr. Grant reported that the Russell 3000 Index as of June 30, 2024 was up 13.56% YTD. There has been weakness within the labor market with unemployment up 4.3%, although inflation is down 2.9%, and there is a higher probability of experiencing a soft landing with the Fed cutting interest rates in September. We are cautious about investing assets internationally due to conflicts across the world, and Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate was down -0.71%.

Commissioner Spiegelman clarified there were strong retail sales during the second quarter. Is that correct?

Mr. Grant replied yes, big box retailers such as Walmart have been seeing value-seeking behavior in their buyers.

Abington Township Police Pension Plan:

Abington Township Police Pension Plan Asset Allocation & Performance as of June 30, 2024 totaled $82,435,300 returning 1.42% for the quarter, 6.72% YTD. There was underperformance by Vaughan Nelson Select down -2.76% and Jacobs Levy Small Cap down -6.32% for the quarter due to a miss on stock selection. We are keeping an eye on it; however, there was outperformance internationally and within fixed income. Cashflows and asset allocation were reviewed with the Pension Committee.

Abington Township Non-Uniformed Pension Plan:

Abington Township Non-Uniformed Pension Plan Asset Allocation & Performance as of June 30, 2024 totaled $66,730,732, returning 1.42% for the quarter 6.81% YTD. Cashflows and asset allocation were reviewed with the Pension Committee.

<u>Second Quarter 2024 OPEB Trust Investment Performance Review:</u>

The market value of the OPEB Trust as of June 30, 2024 totaled $23,953,795, returning 1.36% for the quarter and 6.74% YTD. The Pension Committee reviewed the account reconciliation.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

ADJOURNMENT: 6:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Vile, Minutes Secretary