

Western Springs Police Pension Board Meeting Minutes
Village Hall
August 3, 2021

Present:

Mark Doyle, President

David Dayhoff, Representative for Retirees

Adrian Breems, Secretary

Aaron Riley, Asst. Secretary

Others Present:

Laura Goodloe, Puchalski Goodloe LLC

Jeff Goodloe, Puchalski Goodloe LLC

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Items of Discussion:

2. Citizen Comments

No citizens chose to comment or attend the meeting.

3. Prospective Attorney Presentation

Laura Goodloe began her prospective attorney presentation. After introducing herself, along with her partner and husband, she explained her unique qualifications.

Ms. Goodloe has been practicing pension law for 15+ years and has extensive experience managing disability claims. Puchalski Goodloe LLC manages approximately 70 police pension funds and regularly processes both physical / mental disability claims. Ms. Goodloe then illustrated an example of an orthopedic claim, and explained what the firm's process would be in addressing that claim from beginning to end. She further explained that there are many nuances in the pension code, and upon initiation of each disability claim, specific information needs to be immediately obtained in order to properly process each claim. Without this information, as procured by a knowledgeable legal team / firm, the likelihood of mishandling a claim greatly increases.

Jeff Goodloe echoed Ms. Goodloe's discussion regarding the firm's qualifications by reiterating that disability law is the firm's sole focus. Because of this precise expertise, Puchalski Goodloe LLC is uniquely positioned to advise the Western Springs police pension fund on any disability claims that may arise. Ms. Goodloe also mentioned that Puchalski Goodloe LLC would be happy to draft a disability application, along with a set of

administrative guidelines, that would streamline the police department's disability claim process moving forward.

Ms. Goodloe also relayed the firm's hourly rate for managing disability claims [\$230/hour].

Mark Doyle informed Ms. Goodloe that the board would be interviewing one additional law firm. After this interview, the board would reach a decision and inform both parties.

Mr. and Ms. Goodloe then excused themselves from the meeting.

4. New Business

There was no new business at this time.

5. Old Business

There was no old business at this time.

6. Adjournment

Mark Doyle motioned to adjourn the meeting. David Dayhoff seconded the motion and all were in favor. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Emily Holewczynski
Recorder of Minutes

Accepted by:

Adrian Breems
Secretary of the Board

Date: October 26, 2021

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Mark Doyle
Board President

Date: October 26, 2021