

City of Auburn Law Enforcement Officers and Firefighters Disability Board

Tuesday, December 3, 2019 - 10:00 AM – Conference Room 2

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Jim Kelly called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. in Conference Room 2 located on the second floor of City Hall, 25 West Main Street in Auburn.

Members present included Chair Jim Kelly, Chair Pro Tem Bill Petersen, Member Stan Laatsch, and Member Bob Baggett. Also present was Board Secretary Terry Mendoza and City Attorney Steve Gross. Member Larry Brown was excused.

II. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Minutes of the November 5, 2019 LEOFF Board Meeting*
Motion by Member Baggett, seconded by Member Laatsch to approve the minutes as published.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 4-0

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Pending Medical/Hearing/Vision/Dental Claims

1. LEOFF 1 Member #779147*
Request for reimbursement of medical expenses in the amount of \$42.00 for services received on September 3, 2019. Item tabled from the October 1st and November 5th, 2019 meetings.

Motion by Chair Pro Tem Petersen to approve the claim as submitted. Second by Member Laatsch.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 4-0

2. LEOFF 1 Member #444135
Update on medical claim reimbursement for the purchase of hearing aids through United Health Care.

Board Secretary provided a status update on the reimbursement check from United Health Care. Item will be included on the January agenda for another update.

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V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Appeals/Requests for Reconsideration

No appeal/request for reconsideration has been received.

B. Medical/Hearing/Vision/Dental Claims

1. LEOFF 1 Member #779147*

Request for reimbursement of dental expenses in the amount of \$171.00 for services received on November 5, 2019. The LEOFF member has received dental reimbursement in 2019.

LEOFF 1 Member - 2019		-
#779147	Annual Max	\$1,200.00
Claim		Balance
May 13, 2019	\$304.95	\$895.05

Motion by Member Baggett to approve the claim as submitted.
Second by Chair Pro Tem Petersen.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 4-0

2. LEOFF 1 Member #464461*

Request for reimbursement of dental expenses in the amount of \$1,132.40 for services received between September 9 and November 11, 2019. The LEOFF member has not received any dental reimbursement in 2019.

Motion by Chair Pro Tem Petersen to approve the claim as submitted. Second by Member Baggett.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 4-0

3. LEOFF 1 Member #317206*

Request for reimbursement of dental expenses in the amount of \$1,126.00 for services received on November 7 and 14, 2019. The LEOFF member has received dental reimbursements in 2019.

LEOFF 1 Member - 2019		<u>Annual</u>
#317206		<u>Maximum</u>
		\$1,200.00
Claim		Balance

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January 1, 2019	\$243.00	\$957.00
July 1, 2019	\$266.40	\$690.60

Motion by Member Baggett to approve the claim up to the remaining balance of \$690.60. Second by Chair Pro Tem Petersen.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 4-0

4. LEOFF 1 Member #948705*

Request for reimbursement of dental expenses in the amount of \$187.00 for services received on November 21, 2019. The LEOFF member has received dental reimbursement in 2019.

LEOFF 1 Member - 2019		
#948705	Annual Max	\$1,200.00
Claim		Balance
May 13, 2019	\$165.00	\$1,035.00

Motion by Member Laatsch to approve the claim as submitted. Second by Chair Pro Tem Petersen.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 4-0

C. Other Discussion

1. PD Board position election

Chair Kelly advised the election for the Police Board Member position is in process. The condensed timeline still allows for the election to be completed by the end of the year when the position expires.

2. Upcoming appointment of the "member-at-large" position, term expiring on December 31, 2019.

Board Secretary advised that the public announcement for the open "member-at-large" position will be posted in the Auburn Reporter. The deadline to submit a letter of interest for the open position is December 31, 2019.

3. Councilmember Appointments

Chair Kelly advised that both Councilmember Board positions are expiring at the end of the year. Mayor Backus has been notified and both appointments will be announced at the January meeting.

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4. Inquiry: Payment of Bills by Retiree

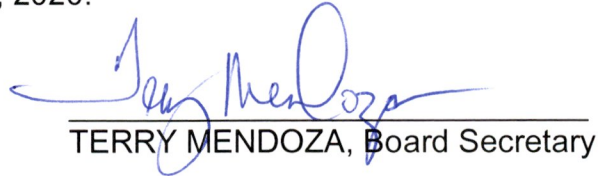
Prior to the meeting, Chair Pro Tem Petersen provided a copy of an Opinion that was published in a Retired Firefighter's of Washington Newsletter. Board Attorney Gross reviewed it and offered his opinion as it relates to the City's policies and processes in reimbursing LEOFF 1 retirees. Our Board has always worked on a reimbursement basis and is in compliance with the law as it is currently written.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 10:16 a.m.

APPROVED this 7th day of January, 2020.


JIM KELLY, Chair


TERRY MENDOZA, Board Secretary