

SUMMARY MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL – APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Gaylord called the meeting to order at 8:41 p.m.

Present: Chair Mark Gaylord; Vice-Chair Zerby; Committee Members De La Vega and Kind; SLMPD Interim Chief Siitari.

Motion by Zerby to approve the agenda. Seconded by De La Vega. Motion passed 4/0.

2. DISABILITY APPEAL SETTLEMENT

Chief Siitari advised in February of this year the SLMPD was notified that Justin Solberg, an officer terminated in 2013 due to ongoing medical issues, had been approved by the MN PERA for an in the line of duty disability. Under state statute the SLMPD is required to pay his health insurance coverage until age 65. (Solberg is 29 years old.)

SLMPD appealed the in the line of duty disability ruling and had a district court judge assigned to the case. At the judge's direction SLMPD entered into mediation with Mr. Solberg and his attorney. The result of mediation is the agreement given to all Coordinating Committee members tonight which settles his claim against the SLMPD for \$85,000. Chief Siitari recommended approval of this settlement. Chief Siitari advised that if the judge was to rule against the SLMPD the cost to the department over the next 35 years could exceed half a million dollars. The settlement appears to be the prudent course of action. SLMPD's attorney, who has experience in this area, recommends approval of the settlement.

Chief Siitari asked for a motion to approve the settlement agreement with Justin Solberg for \$85,000.

Motion by Kind to approve the settlement agreement with Justin Solberg for \$85,000. Seconded by De La Vega. Motion passed 4/0.

3. ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn by De La Vega. Seconded by Kind. Motion passed 4/0. Meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Swanson
(tape recording)