# VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS' INCENTIVE PLAN & TRUST BOARD AND EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM BOARD – JOINT MEETING MINUTES – FINAL – November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021



Volunteer Firefighters' Incentive Plan & Trust Board and Employees' Retirement System Board Joint Meeting

November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 11:00 AM City Hall Council Chambers 500 West Big Beaver Troy, Michigan 48084 (248) 524-3306

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A joint meeting of the Troy Volunteer Firefighters' Incentive Plan & Trust Board and the Employees' Retirement System Board was held on November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021 in the City Council Chambers.

The meeting was called to order at 11:04 AM by Chairman Robert C Maleszyk.

**VFIP Trustees Present:** 

Robert C Maleszyk

Mark F Miller

Anthony Rosenblum

John H Foster Al Soriano

Charles J Kniffen

**VFIP Trustees Absent:** 

**David Hamilton** 

**ERS Trustees Present:** 

Robert C Maleszyk

Mark F Miller Peter Dungjen Kurt Bovensiep Mark Owczarzak

**ERS Trustees Absent:** 

Mark Calice

Thomas Gordon II David Hamilton

Also Present:

Tim Brice – Graystone Consulting

Rob Connor – Jones Lang LaSalle – present via Zoom Sean Meehan – Jones Lang LaSalle – present via Zoom Michael Schramm – Lazard Asset Management (arrived

at 11:38 AM) – present via zoom

Lisa Burnham Kyle Vieth Shazia Fatima

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#### **Education:**

## • Private Real Estate – Jones Lang LaSalle – Rob Connor and Sean Meehan

- Tim Brice briefly introduced Jones Lang LaSalle
- o Rob Connor and Sean Meehan were present for the meeting via zoom.
- Sean introduced JLL noting that they are recognized as one of the largest and most successful global companies dedicated to Real Estate with around \$71 billion total Assets Under Management all around the world.
- They presented their Portfolio Diversification, Risk-Adjusted Return and Real Estate Investment Styles noting that Real Estate Income continues to Exceed Inflation.
- Both the Boards presented their questions and also inquired on their fees and liquidity.

## Infrastructure – Lazard Asset Management – Michael Schramm

- Michael Schramm was present for the meeting via zoom and briefly introduced himself and Lazard.
- He noted that State and Local spending on Infrastructure in at a 30-year low and there is a growing need of private capital.
- Infrastructure comprises the physical assets that a society requires to facilitate its orderly operation.
- Preferred Infrastructure has a higher revenue certainty, profitability and lower volatility.
- He concluded that Global Infrastructure offers attractive returns with low risk and low equity market beta. It is long-term, has high yielding and inflation protection which helps draw investor capital.
- Both the Boards presented their questions and also inquired on their fees and liquidity.
- Tim suggested to bring back JLL in December for a follow up presentation and for a better understanding.

#### **Public Comment:**

None

#### **Trustee Comment:**

 The Board agreed to do a second joint meeting on December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021 and bring back JLL to present again preferably in person.

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#### **VFIP Recommendation:**

Rebalance as of 11/1/2021 with new asset classes

### Resolution # VFIP - 2021-11-16

Moved by: Rosenblum Seconded by: Miller

**RESOLVED,** to take \$810,000 from cash and invest in Fixed Income - \$200,000 in Western Asset and \$300,000 in Blackrock Strategic Inc. Opp and invest in Infrastructure – \$310,000 in Lazard Infrastructure be **APPROVED**.

Yeas: -6- (Rosenblum, Miller, Foster, Kniffen, Soriano, Maleszyk)

Nays: -0-

Absent: -1 - (Hamilton)

 Resolution to follow up on the Fixed Income portion of the Rebalance to get it to 20% as per policy target in the next meeting

## Resolution # VFIP - 2021-11-17

Moved by: Soriano

Seconded by: Rosenblum

**RESOLVED,** to follow up on the Fixed Income portion of the Rebalance to get it to 20% as per policy target in the next meeting be **APPROVED**.

Yeas: -6 - (Soriano, Rosenblum, Miller, Foster, Kniffen, Maleszyk)

Nays: -0-

Absent: -1 - (Hamilton)

Meeting adjourned at 12:28 PM.

Robert C Maleszyk, Chairman

Mark F. Miller, Trustee