

Minutes for 1/21/2014 OPEB Trust meeting

Minutes accepted on 1/20/2015

2 in favor, 2 abstention.

The meeting was called to order by Tim Harrison at 4:03pm. In attendance were James Smith, Timothy Harrison, Susan Rothermich, Christopher Woodruff and Catherine VanDyne. Kenneth Stuart was absent.

The first order of business was to accept the minutes from the 7/16/2013 meeting. Catherine made the motion to accept the minutes, Christopher Woodruff seconded it. The minutes passed 3 in favor; Susan Rothermich abstained as she was not at the prior meeting.

Doris Huard and Charles Patterson from Bartholomew & Company gave an update on the funds since inception. They explained that when bonds go up equity goes down. That is why we have bonds to equal out the ups and downs of the market. The performance is right where it should be. We exceeded the S & P & MSCI AC World Ex-USA we use DJ/Credit Suisse as a bench mark. We have been beating or coming close to beating those benchmarks.

The contributions for the OPEB trust so far this fiscal year have been \$100,000 allocated from the FY14 budget, \$21,000 from the sewer enterprise fund and \$38,398 from the Medicare Part D reimbursement. \$100,000 will remain in the budget as well as the \$21,000 from the sewer enterprise fund. Chuck and Doris commended the town for being a leader in setting up the trust. Bartholomew has about 60 communities currently investing that also meet twice a year. The town has already acted on Chapter 32B – 20. The investing is up to each community to determine funding.

Tim responded that it is good to see that the funds are doing better than the anticipated bench mark and that we are making good decisions.

The next item on the agenda was the acceptance of the investment policy. Chris Woodruff commented that it was generally a good document looking at 20 years plus before the monies would be used. He wanted to know if there was any value in emphasizing the total return in the policy. Chris made a motion to accept the policy Sue seconded it. It passed unanimously.

Catherine commented that another \$15,000 will be coming in by the beginning of next fiscal year for the Medicare Part D reimbursement. This will be the final year of the reimbursement.

Tim stated that the next meeting would be in July.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:23 pm.

Respectively submitted

Catherine VanDyne
Secretary, OPEB Trustees