Minutes of meeting June 18, 2018

#### Call to Order

The meeting of the New Jersey Retired Policemen and Firemen's Association was called to order by President Valdora on Monday, June 18th 2018 at 1215 hrs. The meeting was convened at the Willingboro FOP Lodge, 4136 US Rte 130, Beverly, Burlington County, New Jersey.

Pledge of allegiance- Prayer in memory of departed members.

President Valdora led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of our country. Chief Richard Wise read a prayer in memory of our members and all policemen and firemen who passed away, are ill or in need and asked for a moment of silence.

Roll call of officers and delegates.

President Valdora
1st VP Earle
2nd VP Deal
3rd VP Szatjowski
Treasurer Mundy
Secretary McKnight (excused).
Sergeant at arms Seaman (excused).
Financial Secretary Stewart (absent)
Trustee Rappleyea (excused)
Trustee DelSordo

Minutes of previous meeting held on February 5, 2018 have been distributed by email and posted on our website. Motion by 16 second by 10. Carried.

Pension board issues.

Member Frank Casey advised us that our pension is currently valued at \$27 Billion up over \$700 million from last year. We still spent \$400 million more than we took in. The average time in pension for active members is 13.9 years. Retirees average 25 or 30 years. S5 is back in the legislature for consideration of the governor's conditional veto. Senator Sweeney has a group considering further changes to pensions and benefits. Report should be out over the summer.

### Attendance.

8 Ocean County. 1
10 Burlington 1
11 Gloucester/Camden 5
12 Mercer 1
15 Cape May. 1
16 Atlantic. 2
22 Florida. 1

Total 12

Report of the treasurer.

Starting balance \$7357.18 Income. \$5258.34 Total \$ 12615.52

Pending expenses.

President Valdora. \$39.35 postage

Food for meeting. \$140.85

Motion by local 16 Second by 12 carried.

# Legislative Committee

Trustee Bob DelSordo told the membership about recent changes to laws in Nj that effect our members. We now have a 10 round magazine capacity law. It does not apply to retirees who may still carry 15 rounds. Background checks have to be done by FFL Holders. No more private background checks. The "Need To Carry" standard has been codified into law. Shouldn't effect retirees. Rapid gun confiscation. Former girl/boyfriends, doctors, nurses can all ask to have your guns taken away. Due process comes months later and then it doesn't give you your guns back. That's another court appearance.

## By Laws Committee

Trustee Ed Rappleyea is sick and we hope to hear from him at out September meeting about the proposed change allowing telecommunicators and others into our group.

### Liaison committee

Local 8. Reported having the State President at the last local meeting and pension board member Marty Barrett for the next meeting.

Local 12. Now the largest local in the state 450+ members.

Local 16. Looking for old police cars for the upcoming Miss America contest in September.

# Unfinished business

President Valdora advises that S5 is awaiting legislative action in both houses and that it should be within the next week. The unions haven't been given the control they were promised and we still aren't represented proportionately.

#### **New Business**

President Valdora advises that Senator Sweeney has a Secret group together for the purpose of tinkering with our pensions. 401k plans, capping pensions, increasing retiree costs are all being discussed. As soon as we have the plan, we'll share it. Be ready for another fight.

Motion to Adjourn 1348 hrs.

Motion 10 Second 11. Carried