

**Warwick Township
Financial Advisory Committee (FAC) Meeting Minutes
November 16, 2023**

Members Present:

John Ramey
Bob Fitt
John Fioravanti
Edward Dixon

Township Representatives:

Becki Marencik
Kari Cunningham
John Cox

CBIZ InR Representatives:

Mike Glackin, CFP, AIF
Rich Ritzer, CFP

Main Meeting Room

12:05 PM: Recap of third quarter and performance review of Warwick Township Pensions

Rich started out by saying that the 3rd quarter performance was the worst performance he has seen in a while. It was most likely due to the ongoing war overseas. Year to date, the Pension Portfolios are yielding a 6.32% due to keeping a 30/70 asset allocation. Also, using the 30/70 asset allocation keeps the portfolios close to the assumed interest rate of 7%.

Technology Companies did well during the 3rd quarter. In the portfolios, these funds were sold to buy more bonds and Small Cap funds. Rich sees inflation slowing. The Federal Funds Rate is holding steady at 5.25-5.50%, helping to keep inflation in check. The bond market is up, wage growth is up, and energy costs are coming down.

Mike agrees with Rich stating that with the economy at its current condition, the bond market is reacting positively. Stocks are up 10%. For the rebalancing of the 3rd quarter, they bought the asset classes that were on sale such as Small Cap and Mid Cap funds. They also lowered the international exposure in the allocation. They will gradually increase the allocation of international funds when the recession in Europe starts to reside. Mike feels confident that they know where the performance numbers are now for the portfolios, and they will match at the end of the year. Mike and Rich will show this at the next meeting in February when they discuss lowering the assumed interest rate to 6%.

Mike stated that the Actuary doesn't look at the age of the employees with calculating MMO amounts.

Bob Fitt asked Mike and Rich if we should assume that the Fed is done with changing the Federal Funds Rate. Rich responded that there might be a 0.25% hike on the horizon.

Mike Glackin and Rich Ritzer left the meeting at 12:45 PM.

The meeting was called to Order at 12:46 PM by Bob Fitt and John Ramey.

The minutes of the August 17th, 2023, meeting was approved by John Ramey and seconded by Bob Fitt.

At 12:58 PM a motion to adjourn was made by Jon Fioravanti and seconded by John Ramey.