



WARWICK TOWNSHIP
Financial Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
August 15, 2024

Members Present:

Paul Hunzeker
Ed Dixon
John Ramey
Julie Narisi

Township Representatives:

Becki Marencik
Kari Cunningham

CBIZ InR Representatives:

Rich Ritzer
Michael Glackin

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 12:05 pm in the Main Meeting Room of the Warwick Township Building.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

John Ramey made a motion to accept the minutes from the Thursday, May 16th, 2024, meeting. Ed Dixon seconded the motion. On vote, the motion passed unanimously.

C. OLD BUSINESS:

None

D. NEW BUSINESS:

Michael Glackin started the meeting explaining the services CBIZ InR offers to Warwick Township to Julie Narisi. Julie is a new member of the Financial Advisory Committee. Bob Fitt has officially retired from the committee.

Rich Ritzer stated that the Police Pension portfolio and the Non-Uniform Pension portfolio were down 1.26% the second quarter of 2024. Year to date both portfolios have a return of 6.8%. Since the inception, both pension portfolios have had a return of over 7%.





During the second quarter of 2024, the stock market was down, and the bond market was up. This is shown in the performance of the funds in the portfolios. The Domestic Bond Fund had a return of 3.8% whereas, Large Cap – Growth Fund had a negative return of -2.38%.

Rebalancing of the portfolios was done on July 17, 2024. Growth funds were sold, and bond funds were bought. The portfolios have been performing well since the transactions.

Rich Ritzer noted that based on the inflation rates, it is possible the Fed will lower the Federal Funds Rate next month, which should lower costs.

Ed Dixon commented that banks are offering over 5.5% return on a 10-month CD. Michael Glackin stated that with the 10-month CD it would have a higher return than having money in a Money Market account for a year.

Julie Narisi asked about the risk associated with having the Police and Non-Uniform portfolios allocation being 70% stocks and 30% bonds with an assumed interest rate of 7%. Rich Ritzer explained that through the allocation of a mixture of stocks and bonds, and having more allocated to equity funds there is more expected return on the investments. If the assumed interest rate is lowered with an asset allocation of 60% stocks and 40% bonds, there is less risk with a higher return because the allocation is invested in more fixed income assets.

Paul Hunzeker asked Michael Glackin if the liability of the age of the employees affects the assumed interest rate. Mike states that it's the employees with disabilities that mostly affects it along with the cost of benefits.

Michael Glackin reminded everyone that next year, 2025, is an evaluation year from the actuary. He is looking forward to seeing their analysis and working with them and the committee.

Michael Glackin shared with us that Act 49 may be used by officers to buy back up to 5 years of pension service credit for prior full-time police service provided in another police department and or prior part-time service in their current department or another police department. It needs to be part of their P.B.A.





E. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

F. ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Paul Hunzeker to adjourn the meeting at 1:12 pm. John Ramey seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

2024 Financial Advisory Committee meeting dates at noon:

November 21, 2024

