

November 16, 2023

There was a Retirement Board meeting at 2:00 AM in the Commissioners Conference Room at 700 Sawmill Road Small Conference Room for the regular scheduled Commissioners meeting. In attendance were Commissioners Ridgway, Young, and via teleconference Kovach, Solicitor McDonald, Chief Clerk Witchey, Treasurer Creveling, Jeannie Lapinski, Eric Boughner, and Marcie Strachko. Via zoom were the following individuals: Don Coleman, Jeremy Brown, Alex Karpinski, and MJ Mahon.

Commissioner Ridgway called the meeting to order and asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the prior meeting.

A motion was made by Treasurer Creveling Commissioner and seconded by Commissioner Kovach; all approved.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

A. NEW ANNUITIES OF RETIRED MEMBERS

- **None**

B. WITHDRAWALS OF MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS PLUS INTEREST

- **Vanessa Gill**  
\$4,916.29

C. NEW MEMBERS

- **Shannon Gleason**, Judicial Secretary, MDJ Catawissa, Hire, 10/23/23

D. VESTED MEMBERS

- **None**

E. DEATHS

- This is to advise you on October 8, 2023, **Betty Stout**, a retiree of Columbia County, passed away.

Ms. Stout had selected Option One – She received \$144.78 monthly payable throughout her lifetime. Should the member fail to receive payments at least equal to the present value of her retirement allowance of \$19,415.58, the balance shall be paid to her designated beneficiaries. Betty worked for the county for 8 years and 8 months in the Prothonotary office. Her total retirement payout was \$60,807.60.

- This is to advise you on October 1, 2023, **Betty J. Long**, a retiree of Columbia County, passed away.

Ms. Long had selected Option One – She received \$480.98 monthly payable throughout her lifetime. Should the member fail to receive payments at least equal to the present value of her retirement allowance of \$60,584.89, the balance shall be paid to her designated beneficiaries.

- This is to advise you **Margaret Drzewiecki**, a retiree beneficiary of Columbia County, passed away on October 9, 2023.

Ms. Drzewiecki was receiving \$1045.70 from her husband's, Richard, pension as his primary beneficiary.

Mr. Richard Drzewiecki, who passed away on 2/5/03, had selected Option Two – He elected to receive \$1045.70 payable throughout his lifetime. Upon his death, \$1045.70 shall be continued throughout the life of his surviving beneficiary. Should the member and primary beneficiary fail to receive payments at least equal to the accumulated deductions of \$66,132.08, the balance shall be paid to the member's contingent beneficiary.

- This is to advise you **Marian Bower**, a retiree of Columbia County, passed away on October 21, 2023.

Ms. Bower selected Option One – She elected to receive \$33.52 payable throughout her lifetime. Should the member beneficiary fail to receive payments at least equal to the present value of her retirement allowance of \$5933.06, the balance shall be paid to her designated beneficiaries.

- This is to advise you on September 21, 2023, **Lois D. Freeman**, a retiree of Columbia County, passed away.

Ms. Freeman had selected No Option – She received \$144.78 monthly payable throughout her lifetime. Should the member fail to receive payments at least equal to the present value of her retirement allowance of \$19,415.58, the balance shall be paid to her designated beneficiaries.

- This is to advise you **Joseph Nardi**, a retiree of Columbia County, passed away on October 18, 2023.

Mr. Nardi had selected Option Four C – He elected to withdraw, in one payment, the total accumulated deductions of \$48,154.02 credited to his member account at retirement in addition to receiving a monthly county annuity of \$570.01 payable throughout his life. Upon his death, \$570.01 shall be payable monthly throughout the life of your surviving designated beneficiary.

- This is to advise you on October 10, 2023, **Judith Kozma**, a beneficiary retiree of Columbia County, passed away.

Mr. Kozma had selected Option Four D – He elected to withdraw, in one payment, the total accumulated deductions of \$33,693.76 credited to his member account at retirement in addition to receiving a monthly county annuity of \$406.64 payable throughout his life. Upon his death, \$203.32 shall be payable monthly throughout the life of your surviving designated beneficiary.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner Ridgway and seconded by Treasurer Creveling.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
David J. Witchey, Chief Clerk