



CPDRA Founder and Honorary President Rico Maccarone



Cranston Police Department Retiree's Association
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April 11, 2017

The following are minutes of the Cranston Police Department Retiree's Association (CPDRA) Meeting that was held on April 28, 2016 at the department's Training Complex located on Phenix Ave, Cranston, RI:

1. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for those CPD Officers who are no longer with us.
2. Due to a full meeting agenda, a motion was made and passed to waive the meeting minutes of the last meeting which can be reviewed on the association's web site.
3. President Sepe provided members with the following financial report:
 - A. Current balance in Savings Account: \$1,795.75.
 - B. Current balance in Checking Account: 4,362.30
 - D. **Total financial assets to date: \$6,158.05**
4. At this time President Sepe introduced our guest speaker, Mr. Jerry Peshka from Cranston City Hall who provided us with the following survivor benefits briefing:
 - a. Notify City Hall as soon as possible with the passing of a CPD retiree.
 - b. Spouse needs to bring your marriage license to City Hall for proof of marriage and a copy of the death certificate to collect survivor benefits.
 - c. If applicable, bring the Life Insurance policy that the city provided you to City Hall.
 - d. Per our present court agreement with the city, your spouse will automatically receive your 3% COLA in lieu of the 1.5% every other year for the time specified in the agreement.
 - e. Retirees should be aware that our contract says that there is a "**widow's benefit only.**" Because of IRS regulations, if a person is claiming a common law marriage, they need to produce filed tax returns for both people showing they claimed either married joint or married separate as their status.
 - f. Verify with City Hall the status of health insurance for your spouse in the event of your passing.

For additional information and required documents, members are requested to contact Mr. Peshka at 401-780-3154. Don't wait until it is too late, have your documents and information ready for city hall

in the event of your passing. **Note: Documents required for survivor benefits were emailed out to those members with a current email address. Hard copies will soon be placed on the CPDRA web site – Open.**

5. Old Business Reviewed:

- a. CPDRA web site updated with history info and picture of Past President Maccarone – **(CLOSED)**.
- b. Fund drive – bricks – **Open – discuss under new business.**
- c. Retired ID Card for out-of-state personnel – **(CLOSED)**.
- d. CPDRA luncheon this year – **Open.**
- e. CPDRA shirts, sweatshirts, and hats – **Open – discuss under new business.**
- f. Update CPD Chief/Colonel gallery on web site – **Open.**

6. New Business:

Concerns were brought up regarding the status of retirees not paying their dues and how should this be handled in the future. President Sepe stated he would meet with board members and officers to discuss this and provide the membership with recommendations to consider. Since this would need approval from active members to change our current by-laws, a vote will be taken at the next meeting to determine this course of action. Note: These recommendations will also be sent out to our out-of-state active members for their vote.

7. Since there were no nominations or requests to run for the officer positions within the CPDRA, a motion was made, second, and passed to retain all current officers.

8. A motion was made to adjourn the meeting and second at approximately 8:00pm.

9. The next CPDRA Meeting has been scheduled for April 26, 2017 at 7pm in the Community Room of the Cranston Police Department.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Sepe, President
CPDRA