January 24, 2015

The Board would like to update you on our lawsuit.

<u>First and foremost, despite what you may have heard or read on Facebook, through emails, city council meetings, or were told in person, we want to assure you that our lawsuit is very much alive and moving forward.</u>

Our Association attorney, Mark Porter, has prepared a very in-depth update. It is attached to this email. (If you cannot open the attachment, please send an email to allanparks2013@outlook.com and we will deliver it in another format.)

The State of Michigan is fighting us, tooth and nail, to persuade the Courts to dismiss this lawsuit at all costs. Their sole intent is to wear us down, through attrition, time, and costs in hopes that we will just give up and go away. This will allow the State to do as they please with our retirement benefits. Unfortunately, for the State of Michigan, they picked the wrong group of retirees.

Always remember what we have been saying all the long; when we win this suit, and we will, this is going to undo PA 436 and everything any EFM has done in this State, including the Detroit bankruptcy. This is why the State is fighting us so hard.

Our case will be the benchmark for any and all Municipal, County, and State retirees in Michigan. This makes our case a huge "political hot potato" and is the impetus for the many roadblocks, delays, and difficulties we have been put through with the Court system through the machinations of the State AG'S office.

If you ever have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us via email at allanparks2013@outlook.com, by calling 734-612-0593, or writing to APRA 44621 Fenwick Drive Canton, MI 48188.

Just a reminder

At the September 22, 2015 General Membership meeting, a motion for a third \$200.00 assessment was unanimously passed. If you have not already done so, please submit your assessment, along with the yearly \$15.00 dues, to APRA 14921 College Allen Park, MI 48101.

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