



# CARBONDALE

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## CITY OF CARBONDALE FIREFIGHTER'S PENSION FUND BOARD OF TRUSTEES

### MEETING MINUTES 9:00 A.M., APRIL 16, 2024 FIRE STATION 2 – 401 N. GLENVIEW DRIVE

Mike Hertz called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with the following members of the Board present/absent: PRESENT: Mike Hertz, President; Jay Crippen, Secretary; Ted Lomax, Firefighter Retiree Representative; Jeff Davis, Trustee; Jennifer Sorrell, Trustee. ABSENT: None. GUESTS: Steve Myers, Firefighter. Also present was Fire Department Administrative Assistant/Recorder Kathy Haldeman.

#### **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Motion made by Jeff Davis to approve minutes of the January 16, 2024 meeting. Motion seconded by Jennifer Sorrell. VOICE VOTE: AYES: Mike Hertz, Jay Crippen, Ted Lomax, Jeff Davis, and Jennifer Sorrell. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried.

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Jeff Davis presented the Treasurer's Report and the IFPIF Statement of Results for the period ending February 2024. Investments showed an increase of \$1,753,627 since November's statement. Real estate taxes of \$11,179.07 were received in January. Motion made by Jay Crippen to accept the Treasurer's Report and approve expenses totaling \$549,137.45, of which \$532,258.01 was payroll. Motion seconded by Jeff Davis. VOICE VOTE: AYES: Mike Hertz, Jay Crippen, Ted Lomax, Jeff Davis, and Jennifer Sorrell. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Kathy Haldeman stated that Kaprice Whittington reported all annual affidavits have been received.

Jay Crippen presented a Nationwide Request for Purchase of Service Credit from former Firefighter Zach Miller. Jeff Davis provided reciprocity costs as of April 30, 2024 in the amount of \$5,725.86.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Elections were held for one active member for a 3-year term to expire April 2027, currently held by Mike Hertz. Nomination memos were posted on March 11, 2024 for all active members with a due date of March 18, 2024. Two nominations were received for Steve Abbott and Steve Myers. Election ballots were made available at both stations on April 1, 2024 for all active members with a due date of April 8, 2024. Ballots were counted on April 8, 2024 by Mike Hertz and Kathy Haldeman. Results were fourteen votes for Steve Myers and ten votes for Steve Abbott. Motion made by Jennifer Sorrell to canvas the election for one active member for a 3-

year term to expire April 2027 and to destroy the ballots. Motion seconded by Jay Crippen. VOICE VOTE: AYES: Mike Hertz, Jay Crippen, Ted Lomax, Jeff Davis, and Jennifer Sorrell. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried.

Motion made by Jennifer Sorrell to nominate Jay Crippen as President and Steve Myers as Secretary. Motion seconded by Jeff Davis. VOICE VOTE: AYES: Mike Hertz, Jay Crippen, Ted Lomax, Jeff Davis, and Jennifer Sorrell. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried.

Jay Crippen presented an Application for Membership for Probationary Firefighter Lukis Lissimore. Motion made by Steve Myers to accept the Application for Membership from Lukis Lissimore as presented. Motion seconded by Ted Lomax. VOICE VOTE: AYES: Jay Crippen, Steve Myers, Ted Lomax, Jeff Davis, and Jennifer Sorrell. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried.

Jeff Davis stated that the engagement letter is due for audit services performed by Kerber, Eck & Braeckel LLP. The 2023 audit cost was \$6,700. Mr. Davis stated that the price is not anticipated to exceed \$7,000. Motion made by Jennifer Sorrell to engage in the 2024 audit with Kerber, Eck & Braeckel LLP at an amount not to exceed \$7,200. Motion seconded by Steve Myers. ROLL CALL VOTE: Jay Crippen – AYE, Steve Myers – AYE, Ted Lomax – AYE, Jeff Davis – AYE, Jennifer Sorrell - AYE. AYES: Five, NAYS: None. Motion declared carried.

Jay Crippen presented an invoice from IPPFA for membership dues. Motion made by Jennifer Sorrell to pay 2024 IPPFA membership dues in the amount of \$795. Motion seconded by Jeff Davis. ROLL CALL VOTE: Jay Crippen – AYE, Steve Myers – AYE, Ted Lomax – AYE, Jeff Davis – AYE, Jennifer Sorrell - AYE. AYES: Five, NAYS: None. Motion declared carried.

The IPPFA Certified Trustee training was scheduled for April 2 – 3, 2024. Ted Lomax was registered however the training was canceled. The next IPPFA in-person training date is in December. Steve Myers stated there is online certified trustee training available through IML. More information will be obtained and forwarded to Ted Lomax and Steve Myers.

Kathy Haldeman stated that she completed the required notary, OMA and FOIA training.

The State of Illinois Supreme Court affirmed the judgement of the appellate court affirming the circuit court's order regarding Public Act 101-610, which amended portions of the Illinois Pension Code.

There are no closed meeting minutes to review.

There are no public comments.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Jennifer Sorrell to adjourn at 9:14 a.m. Motion seconded by Steve Myers. VOICE VOTE: AYES: Jay Crippen, Steve Myers, Ted Lomax, Jeff Davis, and Jennifer Sorrell. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried.

The next meeting is scheduled for July 16, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

  
Steve Myers, Secretary