

MINUTES OF THE AVONDALE VOLUNTEER FIRE FIGHTER PENSION BOARD
CITY OF AVONDALE, ARIZONA
ONLINE MEETING
March 12, 2024

A Regular Meeting of the Avondale Volunteer Fire Fighter Pension Board meeting was convened using the Zoom Cloud Meeting platform in open and public session at 5:30 p.m. All participants attended by phone or video.

Members Present: Board Members Eddie James (Chair), Shari Weise, Larry Rooney, and Renee Weatherless.

Members Absent (Unexcused): Bobby Jones, Kenneth Shoaff, and Margarita Barron.

Other Municipal Officials Present: Marcella Sarmiento, City Clerk/Board Secretary and Maggie Lam, Accounting Manager.

1. Roll Call by the Board Secretary, Marcella Sarmiento

2. Minutes

Board Member Weatherless moved to approve the March 08, 2023 meeting minutes; Chair James seconded the motion.

Upon vote, the motion was carried unanimously 4 to 0.

Chair James	Aye
Board Member Weise	Aye
Board Member Rooney	Aye
Board Member Weatherless	Aye

3. Fiscal Year 2023 Annual Report

The Volunteer Fire Department Pension Board considered a request to approve the Report of Volunteer Fire Fighters Relief and Pension Fund annual report to be sent to the State Fire Marshal by March 31st.

Marcella Sarmiento provided an introduction of the agenda item, explaining the Fiscal Year 2023 Annual Report is required to be filed to the State Fire Marshal annually. The Fiscal Year 2023 Annual Report includes all the pension information that was sent out to Bill Bedoya. The total expenditures for the 2023 fiscal year were \$5,200. The excess of revenues was \$1,840. The year beginning balance was \$214,275. And the year ending balance was \$216,115.

Board Member Rooney moved to approve the Fiscal Year 2023 Volunteer Fire Fighters Relief and Pension Fund annual report to be sent to the State Fire Marshal by March 31st; Chair James seconded the motion.

Upon vote, the motion was carried unanimously 4 to 0.

Chair James	Aye
Board Member Weise	Aye
Board Member Rooney	Aye
Board Member Weatherless	Aye

4. Use of Remaining Pension Balance

The Volunteer Fire Department Pension Board was asked to: (a) acknowledge the death of the last pensioner paid out of the Volunteer Fire Department Pension Fund; (b) consider a request to recommend to City Council that the board be dissolved due to no living members and that the remaining pension balance be transferred to the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System to pay towards City's unfunded liability, pursuant to ARIZ. REV. STAT. § 9-958. The Board will take appropriate action.

Marcella Sarmiento informed the board that Bill Bedoya- the last living volunteer firefighter for the city, and a previous Mayor had passed away. With his passing, the board will recommend to the City Council for the board to be dissolved as there is no longer a need for this board. Sarmiento explained that the board will have to accept the Fiscal Year 2024 Annual Report.

Board Member Weise moved to approve the recommendation for the Fire Fighter Pension Board to be dissolved; Board Member Rooney seconded the motion.

Upon vote, the motion was carried unanimously 4 to 0.

Chair James	Aye
Board Member Weise	Aye
Board Member Rooney	Aye
Board Member Weatherless	Aye

5. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the board, Board Member Rooney moved to adjourn the meeting; Board Member Weatherless seconded the motion.

Upon vote, the motion was carried unanimously 4 to 0.

Chair James	Aye
Board Member Weise	Aye
Board Member Rooney	Aye
Board Member Weatherless	Aye

The meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Eddie James

Eddie James (Mar 25, 2024 16:27 PDT)

Eddie James, Chair

CERTIFICATION AND ATTESTATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Volunteer Fire Department Pension Board of the City of Avondale held on the 12th day of March 2024. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that the quorum was present.

Marcella Sarmiento

Marcella Sarmiento, Board Secretary

Minutes **not** approved as board was dissolved.

Date Approved by the Board