

**FIRE PENSION BOARD
July 20, 2023
Minutes of the Meeting**

The regular meeting of the Fire Pension Board was called to order via Teams Meeting/ Aspen Conference Room hosted by Kelsey Sanfilippo at 4:03 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Anne McEnery-Ogle, Chairperson; Natasha Ramras, CFO; Carrie Lewellen, Treasurer; Duane Royer, Fire Retiree; Patrick Kelly, Fire Retiree

Staff Members Present: Nena Cook, Chief Assistant City Attorney; Lisa Takach, Human Resources; Caylee Tashiro, Human Resources; Kelsey Sanfilippo, Human Resources

I. MINUTES:

- a. Approval of Minutes for Meeting on October 20, 2022

MS. MCENERNY-OGLE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS PRESENTED. MS. RAMRAS SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. MR ROYER ABSTAINED

II. COMMUNICATIONS:

- a. Election Results

An election was held to fill the expired term of Duane Royer on the Fire Pension Board. By a vote of 16 members, Duane Royer was re-elected as the Fire Pension Board Member to serve until the expiration of his term on December 31, 2024.

- b. Pensioner Death

Retired Fire Captain, Jerrold Jensen, passed away on January 16, 2023, at 66 years of age.

“41.18.140 Funeral expenses. The board shall pay from the firemen’s pension fund upon the death of any active or retired fireman the sum of five hundred dollars, to assist in defraying the funeral expenses of such fireman.”

A check will be prepared for the funeral benefit and delivered to Debbie Jensen, spouse of Jerrold Jensen.

- c. Pensioner Spouse Death

Margaret Bauer, widow of retired Fire Pensioner, Marvin Bauer, passed away on January 16, 2023. She was 76 years old.

Ms. Bauer had been receiving a survivor pension from City of Vancouver since Mr. Bauer passed away in April 2006. Her current City pension was \$563.38 per month.

d. Pensioner Death

Retired Fire Battalion Chief, Vernon Odren, passed away on April 12, 2023, at 87 years of age.

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A check will be prepared for the funeral benefit and delivered to Charlotte Odren, spouse of Vernon Odren.

III. REPORTS:

a. Budget Report

Ms. Lewellen reported that total expenditures from October 2022 through June 2023 were 46% of budget. Total revenues from October 2022 through June 2023 were 65%. Budget is on track.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

a. None

V. OLD BUSINESS:

a. Request for Hearing Aids Repair – Claimant A

Claimant A is requesting the Board reimburse him for costs of hearing aids. He purchased his hearing aids from PeaceHealth due to his current hearing aids no longer functioning. He has provided an explanation of benefits from Regence showing denial of coverage for hearing aids.

Claimant A has previously requested preapproval for hearing aids. He did not provide a prescription from a physician, but instead a recommendation from an Audiologist, from PeaceHealth Medical Group. He provided one hearing evaluation, but not a referral from a physician. He also submitted two quotes for hearing aids that include a three-year warranty. A motion to deny the request was passed at the December 14, 2022, meeting.

Pension Board’s Rules and Regulations requires:

“Hearing Aids prescribed by physician and pre-approved by board. Charges are limited to those necessary to achieve functional correction. When seeking pre-approval, members must submit to the third-party administrator quotes from at least two providers. The member must also have a current hearing test, exam and referral from a physician. Hearing aids must have a three-year warranty.”

PeaceHealth Medical Group

- \$6722.50

MS. MCENERNY-OGLE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FOR HEARING AIDS REIMBURSEMENT FOR THE COST OF \$6,722.50. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. ROYER. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

VI. EXPENSES:

- a. Approval of Expenses for October 2022 – June 2023

Expenses for October 2022 – June 2023 were \$516,696.71

MS. LEWELLEN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE EXPENSES AS PRESENTED. MS. MCENERNY-OGLE SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:34 p.m.

**Ty Stober, Chairperson
The Fire Pension Board**

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Michael Lyons, Alternate Fire Retiree**

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