

THE CITY OF SYCAMORE FIREFIGHTERS' PENSION FUND

PUBLIC ACT 95-0950
MUNICIPAL COMPLIANCE REPORT



FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED
DECEMBER 31, 2023

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February 4, 2025

Members of the Pension Board of Trustees
Sycamore Firefighters' Pension Fund
Sycamore, Illinois

Enclosed please find a copy of your Municipal Compliance Report for the Sycamore Firefighters' Pension Fund for the fiscal period ended December 31, 2023. We have prepared the report with the most recent information available at our office. Should you have more current information, or notice any inaccuracies, we are prepared to make any necessary revisions and return them to you.

The President and Secretary of the Pension Fund are required to sign the report on page 3. If not already included with the enclosed report, please also include a copy of the Pension Fund's most recent investment policy.

The signed Public Act 95-0950 - Municipal Compliance Report must be provided to the Municipality before the tax levy is filed on the last Tuesday in December. We are sending the report via email to promote an environmentally-friendly work atmosphere.

If you have any questions regarding this report, please contact your Client Manager or PSA.

Respectfully submitted,

Lauterbach & Amen, LLP

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**THE CITY OF SYCAMORE, ILLINOIS
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The Pension Board certifies to the Board of Trustees of the City of Sycamore, Illinois on the condition of the Pension Fund at the end of its most recently completed fiscal year the following information:

1) The total cash and investments, including accrued interest, of the fund at market value and the total net position of the Pension Fund:

	<u>Current Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Preceding Fiscal Year</u>
Total Cash and Investments (including accrued interest)	<u>\$19,816,558</u>	<u>\$17,998,760</u>
Total Net Position	<u>\$19,540,253</u>	<u>\$18,337,295</u>

2) The estimated receipts during the next succeeding fiscal year from deductions from the salaries of firefighters' and from other sources:

Estimated Receipts - Employee Contributions	<u>\$206,500</u>
Estimated Receipts - All Other Sources	
Investment Earnings	<u>\$1,411,900</u>
Municipal Contributions	<u>\$1,427,608</u>

3) The estimated amount necessary during the fiscal year to meet the annual actuarial requirements of the pension fund as provided in Sections 4-118 and 4-120:

Annual Requirement of the Fund as Determined by:

Firefighters' Pension Investment Fund	<u>\$1,427,608</u>
Private Actuary	
Recommended Municipal Contributions	<u>N/A</u>
Statutory Municipal Contributions	<u>N/A</u>

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4) The total net income received from investment of assets along with the assumed investment return and actual investment return received by the fund during its most recently completed fiscal year compared to the total net income, assumed investment return, and actual investment return received during the preceding fiscal year:

	<u>Current Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Preceding Fiscal Year</u>
Net Income Received from Investment of Assets	<u>\$1,484,506</u>	<u>\$106,116</u>
Assumed Investment Return		
Firefighters' Pension Investment Fund	<u>7.125%</u>	<u>7.125%</u>
Private Actuary	<u>7.125%</u>	<u>7.125%</u>
Actual Investment Return	<u>7.851%</u>	<u>0.583%</u>

5) The increase in employer pension contributions that results from the implementation of the provisions of P.A. 93-0689:

Firefighters' Pension Investment Fund	<u>N/A</u>
Private Actuary	<u>N/A</u>

6) The total number of active employees who are financially contributing to the fund:

Number of Active Members	<u>30</u>
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7) The total amount that was disbursed in benefits during the fiscal year, including the number of and total amount disbursed to (i) annuitants in receipt of a regular retirement pension, (ii) recipients being paid a disability pension, and (iii) survivors and children in receipt of benefits:

	<u>Number of</u>	<u>Total Amount Disbursed</u>
(i) Regular Retirement Pension	<u>12</u>	<u>\$508,655</u>
(ii) Disability Pension	<u>6</u>	<u>\$234,643</u>
(iii) Survivors and Child Benefits	<u>6</u>	<u>\$84,304</u>
Totals	<u>24</u>	<u>\$827,602</u>

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8) The funded ratio of the fund:

	Current Fiscal Year	Preceding Fiscal Year
Firefighters' Pension Investment Fund	<u>61.56%</u>	<u>64.97%</u>
Private Actuary	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>

9) The unfunded liability carried by the fund, along with an actuarial explanation of the unfunded liability:

Unfunded Liability:

Firefighters' Pension Investment Fund	<u>\$12,966,210</u>
Private Actuary	<u>N/A</u>

The accrued liability is the actuarial present value of the portion of the projected benefits that has been accrued as of the valuation date based upon the actuarial valuation method and the actuarial assumptions employed in the valuation. The unfunded accrued liability is the excess of the accrued liability over the actuarial value of assets.

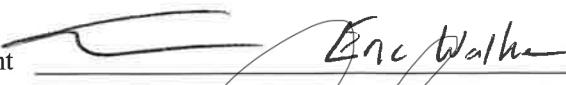
10) Please see attached Investment/Cash Management policy if applicable

Please see Notes Page attached.

**CERTIFICATION OF MUNICIPAL FIREFIGHTERS'
PENSION FUND COMPLIANCE REPORT**

The Board of Trustees of the Pension Fund, based upon information and belief, and to the best of our knowledge, hereby certify pursuant to §4-134 of the Illinois Pension Code 40 ILCS 5/4-134, that the preceding report is true and accurate.

Adopted this 5th day of March, 2025

President  Date 3-5-2025

Secretary John Pink  Date 3-6-2025

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- 1) Total Cash and Investments - as Reported at Market Value in the Audited Financial Statements for the Periods Ended December 31, 2023 and April 30, 2023.

Total Net Position - as Reported in the Audited Financial Statements for the Periods Ended December 31, 2023 and April 30, 2023.

- 2) Estimated Receipts - Employee Contributions as Reported in the Audited Financial Statements for the Year Ended December 31, 2023 plus 4% Increase (Actuarial Salary Increase Assumption) Rounded to the Nearest \$100.

Estimated Receipts - All Other Sources

Investment Earnings - Cash and Investments as Reported in the Audited Financial Statements for the Year Ended December 31, 2023, times 7.125% (Actuarial Investment Return Assumption) Rounded to the Nearest \$100.

Municipal Contributions - Tax Levy Requirement as Reported by the Firefighters' Pension Investment Fund Actuarial Valuation for the Year Ended December 31, 2023.

- 3) Annual Requirement of the Fund as Determined by:

Firefighters' Pension Investment Fund - Suggested Amount of Tax Levy as Reported in the December 31, 2023 Actuarial Valuation.

Private Actuary - N/A:

Recommended Amount of Tax Levy - No December 31, 2023 Private Actuarial Valuation available at the time of this report.

Statutorily Required Amount of Tax Levy - No December 31, 2023 Private Actuarial Valuation available at the time of this report.

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4) Net Income Received from Investment of Assets - Investment Income (Loss) net of Investment Expense, as Reported in the Audited Financial Statements for the Periods Ended December 31, 2023 and April 30, 2023.

Assumed Investment Return:

Firefighters' Pension Investment Fund - Current and Preceding Fiscal Year Interest Rate Assumption as Reported in the Periods Ended December 31, 2023 and April 30, 2023 Actuarial Valuations.

Private Actuary - Current and Preceding Fiscal Year Interest Rate Assumption as Reported in the Periods Ended December 31, 2023 and April 30, 2023 Actuarial Valuations.

Actual Investment Return -Net Income Received from Investments as Reported Above as a Percentage of the Average of the Beginning and Ending Balances of the Fiscal Year Cash Investments, Excluding Net Investment Income, Gains, and Losses for the Fiscal Year Return Being calculated, as Reported in the Audited Financial Statements for the Fiscal Years Ended December 31, 2023 and April 30, 2023.

5) Illinois Department of Insurance - Amount of total suggested tax levy to be excluded from the property tax extension limitation law as contemplated by 35 ILCS 200/18-185.

Private Actuary - No Private Actuarial Valuation amount available at the time of this report.

6) Number of Active Members - Illinois Department of Insurance Annual Statement for December 31, 2023 - Schedule P.

7) (i) Regular Retirement Pension - Illinois Department of Insurance Annual Statement for December 31, 2023 - Schedule P for Number of Participants and Expense page 1 for Total Amount Disbursed.

(ii) Disability Pension - Same as above.

(iii) Survivors and Child Benefits - Same as above.

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8) The funded ratio of the fund:

Firefighters' Pension Investment Fund - Current and Preceding Fiscal Year Net Present Assets as a percentage of Total Assets as Reported in the December 31, 2023 and April 30, 2023 Actuarial Valuations.

Private Actuary - Current and Preceding Fiscal Year Net Present Assets as a percentage of Total Assets as Reported in the December 31, 2023 and April 30, 2023 Actuarial Valuations.

9) Unfunded Liability:

Firefighters' Pension Investment Fund - Deferred Asset (Unfunded Accrued Liability) as Reported in the December 31, 2023 Actuarial Valuation.

Private Actuary - Deferred Asset (Unfunded Accrued Liability) as Reported by N/A in the December 31, 2023 Actuarial Valuation.