

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY OF COTTONWOOD PUBLIC SAFETY RETIREMENT POLICE BOARD, HELD NOVEMBER 3, 2021 AT 3:00 P.M. AT THE CITY OF COTTONWOOD PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING POLICE DEPT MEETING ROOM, 199 S 6TH ST., COTTONWOOD, ARIZONA.

The meeting was called to order by Tosca Henry at 2:59 pm. Roll call was taken as follows:

Board Members Present

Kirsten Lennon, Secretary
Matt Strickland, Police Dept.
Tosca Henry, Chairperson
Diane Joens, Civilian – By phone
Cody Savage, Police Department
Kent Hellman, Civilian

Board Members Absent

Approval of Minutes – Kent Hellman moved to approve the minutes with revisions from the October 5, 2021 board meeting. The motion was seconded by Cody Savage and the vote was carried unanimously in favor of approving the minutes.

Ordinary Disability Retirement Application acceptance from Joshua Fradette dated October 4, 2021– Kirsten Lennon stated that Joshua Fradette submitted an ordinary disability retirement application on October 4, 2021. Mr. Fradette also turned in his resignation for November 1, 2021. At the current time the board can either accept his application and start the process of selecting an IME to review the medical evidence and determine eligibility for the disability retirement, they can reject the application for lack of information or they can table the request for another meeting and get more information to be able to determine if the board is going to accept the application.

There was general discussion from all involved that they felt they needed more information from Mr. Fradette's doctor and Board Member Savage stated he would like to see Mr. Fradette's resignation letter to determine if he resigned for the reason of disability or for some other reason. There was also discussion on whether or not the application for Ordinary disability should be Ordinary or Accidental since the letter that was presented to the board from Mr. Fradette's doctor states that his PTSD is due to long term exposure of stress while working as a police officer. Kirsten Lennon stated that they type of application is up to the member when they are applying for the Disability retirement and not our decision. Member Joens stated that she felt that we could accept and move forward or deny and wait for more information. Member Strickland said if we deny there is an appeal process that would allow him to apply again and Secretary Lennon stated that yes there was. After further discussion Mr. Hellman stated that he felt there wasn't enough information and that he would like more information before making a decision. Chairperson Henry moved to table the item to another meeting, Member Savage 2nd the motion and the motion was carried unanimously in favor of tabling this item until the next meeting. Secretary Lennon stated that she would get more information and schedule another meeting in the next couple of weeks.

Call to Public- The call to the public was made.

Adjournment

There being no further business Kent Hellman moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:23 pm and it was seconded by Matt Strickland and the vote was carried unanimously in favor and the meeting was adjourned.

Attest:



Kirsten Lennon, Secretary