SHREWSBURY CONTRIBUTORY RETIREMENT SYSTEM

> Actuarial Valuation Report January 1, 2024



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Report Summary:

<u>hlights</u>	<u>January 1, 2023</u>	<u>January 1, 2024</u>	
Contributions			
Funding Schedule FY 2025	\$1,800,000	\$2,300,000	
Funding Schedule FY 2026	1,800,000	2,300,000	
Funded Ratios			
GAS No. 25	95.4%	94.4%	
Participants			
Actives	443	441	
Retirees and Beneficiaries	305	309	
Inactives	121	122	
Disabled	<u>28</u>	<u>30</u>	
Total	897	902	
Payroll			
Payroll of Active Members	\$30,311,282	\$33,010,516	
Average Payroll	68,423	74,854	
Normal Cost			
Employer	515,461	467,281	
Employee	2,767,518	3,039,862	
Administrative Expenses	<u>175,000</u>	250,000	
Total	3,457,979	3,757,143	
Actuarial Accrued Liabilities			
Actives	63,680,521	67,792,492	
Retirees, Beneficiaries, Disabilities and Inactives	110,076,368	<u>115,079,530</u>	
Total	173,756,889	182,872,022	
Actuarial Value of Assets	165,778,166	172,653,197	
Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liabilities	\$7,978,723	\$10,218,825	

Introduction

This report presents the findings of an actuarial valuation as of January 1, 2024, of Shrewsbury Contributory Retirement System.

The actuarial valuation is based on:

- Provisions Chapter 32 of the Massachusetts General Laws, "M.G.L", as of January 1, 2024.
- Employee data provided by the Retirement Board
- Asset information reported to the Public Employee Retirement Administration Commission by the Shrewsbury Retirement System
- Actuarial assumptions approved by the Retirement Board

The valuation and appropriation forecast are prepared in accordance with Chapter 32 of the M.G.L. as of January 1, 2024.

The valuation and forecast do not account for:

- Any subsequent changes in the law
- Chapter 32 of the M.G.L., Section 3(8)(c) transfers between systems
- State-mandated benefits
- Cost-of-living increases granted to retired members between 1982 and 1997. The cost of these benefits has been assumed by the State under Proposition Two and One-Half.

Actuarial Experience

In performing the actuarial valuation, various assumptions are made regarding such factors as mortality, retirement, disability, and withdrawal rates as well as both payroll, salary increases, and investment returns. A comparison of the current valuation and the prior valuation is made to determine how closely actual experience corresponded to anticipated occurrences. This analysis of the system provides insight into the overall quality of the actuarial assumptions and helps explain any change in the annual appropriation.

During the last year, based on the 2023 actuarial assumptions and plan provisions, the total actuarial unfunded accrued liability of \$5,841,780 to an unfunded liability of \$10,218,825. The change was the result of net unfavorable actuarial experience during the preceding year. The sources of actuarial (gains) and losses are as follows:

Assets	(1,544,945)
Salary Increases	2,117,526
New Participants	890,604
Active - Retirements	836,341
Active - Terminations	(227,139)
Active - Mortality	(19,378)
Active - Disabilities	530,023
Inactive - Mortality	(899,382)
Inactive - Data adjustments	4,089,678
Other, including data changes, service purchases, etc.	150,490
Benefit Payments	<u>(1,941,687)</u>
Total (Gain) / Loss	3,982,131

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Actuarial Costs and Liabilities:

Normal Costs

The normal cost is the sum of the individual normal costs determined for each member as if the assumptions underlying the cost determinations had been exactly realized. An individual normal cost represents that part of the cost of a member's future benefits which are assigned to the current year as if the costs are to remain level as a percentage of the member's pay. Benefits payable under all circumstances (i.e., retirement, death, disability, and terminations) are included in this calculation. Anticipated employee contributions to be made during the year are subtracted from the total normal cost to determine employer normal cost. The total normal cost is divided by total payroll to determine the normal cost as a percent of pay. The normal cost is shown in Table I.

Table I		
	January 1, 2023	January 1, 2024
Superannuation	\$1,938,471	\$2,068,045
Termination	1,000,122	1,065,968
Death	87,880	93,014
Disability	256,506	280,116
Administrative Expenses	175,000	<u>250,000</u>
Total Normal Cost	3,457,979	3,757,143
% of Pay	11.4%	11.4%
Employee Contributions	2,767,518	3,039,862
% of Pay	9.1%	9.2%
Employer Normal Cost	\$690,461	\$717,281
% of Pay	2.3%	2.2%

Present Value of Actuarial Accrued Liabilities

The actuarial accrued liabilities (AAL) represents today's value of all benefits based on the past service of the actives and inactives. The AAL can be compared to the assets to determine the funded status of the Plan. The value of these earned benefits is shown in Table II below.

Table	e II	
	January 1, 2023	January 1, 2024
Actives		
Superannuations	\$61,673,882	\$65,312,406
Termination	(1,736,376)	(1,673,586)
Death	983,354	1,075,460
Disability	2,759,661	3,078,212
Retirees and Inactives		
Retirees and Beneficiaries	96,301,656	99,624,448
Terminated (Refund)	3,206,859	3,594,278
Disabled	<u>10,567,853</u>	<u>11,860,804</u>
Total	\$173,756,889	\$182,872,022

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Present Value of Future Benefits

The present value of future benefits represents today's value of all benefits earned by the inactive participants as well as all benefits earned and expected to be earned in the coming years by the active participants. The difference between the present value of future benefits and the present value of actuarial accrued liabilities is the value of benefits to be earned in the coming years. The value of the total expected benefits is shown in Table III.

Table	III		
	January 1, 2023	January 1, 2024	
Actives			
Superannuation	\$75,810,451	\$80,529,279	
Termination	6,210,102	6,966,288	
Death	1,651,303	1,793,832	
Disability	4,732,691	5,260,929	
Retirees and Inactives			
Retirees and Beneficiaries	96,301,656	99,624,448	
Terminated (Refund)	3,206,859	3,594,278	
Disabled	<u>10,567,853</u>	<u>11,860,804</u>	
Total	\$198,480,915	\$209,629,858	

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Funded Status and Appropriations:

Market Value of Plan Assets

The trust fund composition on a market value basis is shown in Table IV.

Table IV	7	
	January 1, 2023	January 1, 2024
Cash equivalents	\$965,193	\$950,052
Short term investments	0	0
Fixed income securities	4,979,638	5,216,292
Equities	41,103,132	43,455,647
International	6,373,552	7,482,212
Real Estate	20,945,339	14,012,074
Venture Capital	0	0
Other	80,984,881	95,708,032
Accounts receivable	61,032	180,967
Accounts payable	0	0
Accrued income	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Market Value	\$155,412,767	\$167,005,276
Total Actuarial Value	\$165,778,166	\$172,653,197

Actuarial Value of Assets

The actuarial value of assets is determined by projecting the market value of assets as of the beginning of the prior plan year with the assumed rate of return during that year (7.5%) and accounting for deposits and disbursements with interest at the assumed rate of return. An adjustment is then applied to recognize the difference between the actual investment return and expected return over a five year period. This preliminary actuarial value is not allowed to differ from the market value of assets by more than 10%. The calculation of the actuarial value of assets as of January 1, 2024 is presented in Table V.

	Table V	
 (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) 	Market value at January 1, 2023 2023 Contributions 2023 Payments Net interest adjustment at 7.5% on (1), (2), and (3) to December 31, 2023 Expected market value on January 1, 2024 (1) + (2) + (3) + (4)	January 1, 2024 \$155,412,767 \$5,661,183 (\$12,512,190) \$11,399,045 \$159,960,805
(6)	Actual market value on January 1, 2024	\$167,005,276
(7)	2023 (Gain) / Loss	(\$7,044,471)
(8)	80% of 2023 (Gain) / Loss	(\$5,635,577)
(9)	2022 (Gain) / Loss	\$32,934,243
(10)	60% of 2022 (Gain) / Loss	\$19,760,546
(11)	2021 (Gain) / Loss	(\$17,740,574)
(12)	40% of 2021 (Gain) / Loss	(\$7,096,230)
(13)	2020 (Gain) / Loss	(\$6,904,089)
(14)	20% of 2020 (Gain) / Loss	(\$1,380,818)
(15)	Actuarial value on January 1, 2024, (6) + (8) + (10) + (12) + (14)	
	but not less than 90% nor greater than 110% of (6)	\$172,653,197
(16)	Ratio of actuarial value to market value	103.38%
(17)	Actuarial Value Return for 2022	14.56%
(18)	Actuarial Value Return for 2023	5.62%
(19)	Market Value Return for 2022	18.90%
(20)	Market Value Return for 2023	-10.95%

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Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liabilities

Under the Entry Age Normal Actuarial Cost Method, the Actuarial Accrued Liability represents what the accumulated assets would have been as of the valuation date if:

- current plan provisions and assumptions had always been in effect,
- experience conformed exactly to assumptions, and
- the normal cost had been contributed each year since inception.

The actuarial value of the Fund's assets as of the end of the prior year are subtracted from the Actuarial Accrued Liability (AAL) to determine the Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability (UAAL) as of the valuation date. Over time, annual pension contributions will accumulate Plan assets equal to the AAL, and the UAAL will be eliminated. Thereafter, annual contributions equal to the normal cost will keep the Plan's assets and liabilities in balance. The UAAL is developed in Table VI.

Table VI						
	January	1,2023	January 1, 2024			
Actuarial Accrued Liability	\$173,75	56,889	\$182,872,022			
Actuarial Assets	165,77	78,166	172,653,197			
Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability	\$7,97	78,723	\$10,218,825			
Funded Status		95.4%	94.4%			

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Appropriations

The pension appropriation for the upcoming fiscal years have been calculated in accordance with the requirements set forth in Section 22D of Chapter 32 of the Massachusetts General Laws. These amounts were calculated to comply with the June 30, 2030, full funding mandate for all accrued liabilities. The pension appropriation is the sum of the:

- Twice Employer normal cost,
- Adminstrative Expenses
- Fixed costs until fully amortized
- Interest adjustment for payments deposited at the various times in the year

The pension appropriation is shown in Table VII.

Table VII		
	January 1, 2023	January 1, 2024
Normal cost	\$690,461	\$717,281
Amortization payment of the prior accrued liability	(2,129,744)	1,419,876
Amortization payment of current (gains)/losses	3,710,977	<u>1,418,272</u>
Total cost	\$2,271,694	\$3,555,429
% of Pay	7.5%	10.8%
Fiscal 2025 cost	\$1,800,000	\$2,300,000
Fiscal 2026 cost	\$1,800,000	\$2,300,000

Appropriation Forecast

The following exhibit forecasts employer and employee contributions over the next 32 years under the adopted funding schedule.

Note that the forecast is based upon an "open group" method. This method assumes that sufficient employees will be hired each year to keep the number constant. The total payroll of the system is expected to increase 4.0% per year. The employee contribution rate is expected to increase to 10.5% by 2042 as members contributing base percentages 5%, 7%, and 8% are replaced by new members, whose base contribution is 9%. Payments are assumed to be made at the beginning of the year.

The employer total cost is expected to remain level for 10 years. The total cost represents about 6% of payroll, until the time the deficit is fully paid off, leaving only a normal cost of about 1.0% thereafter. The decrease in the cost as a percentage of payroll is a result of the increase in member deductions.

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Appropriation Forecast

Fiscal			Employer	Amortization	Employer	Employer	
Year		Employee	Normal Cost	Payments	Total Cost	Total Cost	Funded
<u>Ending</u>	Payroll*	<u>Contribution</u>	with Interest	with Interest	with Interest	<u>% of Payroll</u>	Ratio %**
2025	\$33,010,516	\$3,039,862	\$754,983	\$1,545,017	\$2,300,000	7.0	93.3
2026	\$34,330,937	\$3,195,556	\$749,290	\$1,550,710	\$2,300,000	6.7	93.8
2027	\$35,704,174	\$3,358,841	\$741,935	\$1,558,065	\$2,300,000	6.4	94.3
2028	\$37,132,341	\$3,530,077	\$732,791	\$1,567,209	\$2,300,000	6.2	94.8
2029	\$38,617,635	\$3,709,637	\$721,730	\$1,578,270	\$2,300,000	6.0	95.3
2030	\$40,162,340	\$3,897,914	\$708,611	\$1,591,389	\$2,300,000	5.7	95.8
2031	\$41,768,834	\$4,095,318	\$693,287	\$1,606,713	\$2,300,000	5.5	96.4
2032	\$43,439,587	\$4,302,277	\$675,605	\$1,624,395	\$2,300,000	5.3	97.0
2033	\$45,177,171	\$4,519,241	\$655,398	\$1,644,602	\$2,300,000	5.1	97.6
2034	\$46,984,257	\$4,746,678	\$632,493	\$1,667,507	\$2,300,000	4.9	98.2
2035	\$48,863,628	\$4,985,079	\$606,708	\$1,693,292	\$2,300,000	4.7	98.9
2036	\$50,818,173	\$5,234,957	\$577,848	\$941,899	\$1,519,747	3.0	99.6
2037	\$52,850,900	\$5,496,850	\$545,708	\$0	\$545,708	1.0	100.0
2038	\$54,964,936	\$5,771,318	\$510,073	\$0	\$510,073	0.9	100.0
2039	\$57,163,533	\$6,002,171	\$530,476	\$0	\$530,476	0.9	100.0
2040	\$59,450,074	\$6,242,258	\$551,695	\$0	\$551,695	0.9	100.0
2041	\$61,828,077	\$6,491,948	\$573,762	\$0	\$573,762	0.9	100.0
2042	\$64,301,200	\$6,751,626	\$596,713	\$0	\$596,713	0.9	100.0
2043	\$66,873,248	\$7,021,691	\$620,581	\$0	\$620,581	0.9	100.0
2044	\$69,548,178	\$7,302,559	\$645,405	\$0	\$645,405	0.9	100.0
2045	\$72,330,106	\$7,594,661	\$671,221	\$0	\$671,221	0.9	100.0
2046	\$75,223,310	\$7,898,448	\$698,070	\$0	\$698,070	0.9	100.0
2047	\$78,232,242	\$8,214,385	\$725,992	\$0	\$725,992	0.9	100.0
2048	\$81,361,532	\$8,542,961	\$755,032	\$0	\$755,032	0.9	100.0
2049	\$84,615,993	\$8,884,679	\$785,233	\$0	\$785,233	0.9	100.0
2050	\$88,000,633	\$9,240,066	\$816,643	\$0	\$816,643	0.9	100.0
2051	\$91,520,658	\$9,609,669	\$849,308	\$0	\$849,308	0.9	100.0
2052	\$95,181,485	\$9,994,056	\$883,281	\$0	\$883,281	0.9	100.0
2053	\$98,988,744	\$10,393,818	\$918,612	\$0	\$918,612	0.9	100.0
2054	\$102,948,294	\$10,809,571	\$955,356	\$0	\$955,356	0.9	100.0
2055	\$107,066,225	\$11,241,954	\$993,571	\$0	\$993,571	0.9	100.0
2056	\$111,348,874	\$11,691,632	\$1,033,313	\$0	\$1,033,313	0.9	100.0
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Exhibit 1 - Age/Service Distribution with Salary as of January 1, 2024

Attained Age	Average Salary <5	5-9	10-14	15-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40+	Total
< 0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
	55,477	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	55,477
20-24	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17
	66,043	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	66,043
25-29	36	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	39
	63,074	81,782	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	64,513
30-34	30	18	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	51
	57,361	79,202	106,264	0	0	0	0	0	0	67,946
35-39	23	18	20	9	0	0	0	0	0	70
	61,906	82,188	85,751	85,442	0	0	0	0	0	76,960
40-44	7	11	11	11	5	0	0	0	0	45
	76,598	101,221	113,391	110,874	74,054	0	0	0	0	99,707
45-49	12	4	6	6	6	3	0	0	0	37
	72,746	60,564	94,187	103,612	93,493	103,989	0	0	0	85,809
50-54	11	8	11	8	4	7	3	0	0	52
	64,949	89,220	72,945	55,087	70,447	89,413	106,500	0	0	74,971
55-59	6	7	12	10	8	5	5	4	1	58
	53,976	74,505	61,445	50,795	71,061	77,466	104,969	81,998	54,322	68,167
60-64	1	2	6	10	10	5	2	1	0	37
	58,402	41,253	86,836	42,128	40,035	65,103	136,844	90,815	0	58,745
65-69	1	1	1	9	6	3	1	1	0	23
	57,055	69,967	26,353	40,107	48,687	46,072	198,283	62,713	0	52,420
70+	0	0	0	2	3	2	1	0	0	8
	0	0	0	0	45,555	26,026	0	0	0	35,222
Total Employees	s 148	72	70	65	42	25	12	6	1	441
Average Salary	62,992	81,859	84,762	66,787	62,158	73,639	109,693	80,253	54,322	72,308

	Number	of Employe	ees	Total	Payments	
Attained Age	Female	Male	Total	Female	Male	Total
< 20	0	0	0	0	0	0
20-24	0	0	0	22,818	0	22,818
25-29	0	0	0	22,818	0	22,818
30-34	0	0	0	0	0	0
35-39	0	0	0	0	0	0
40-44	0	0	0	0	0	0
45-49	ů 0	0	0	0	ů 0	0
50-54	2	ů 0	2	38,151	ů 0	38,151
55-59	7	12	19	88,032	770,125	858,158
60-64	23	19	42	481,247	957,078	1,438,325
65-69	37	25	62	693,452	1,304,429	1,997,880
70-74	31	36	67	766,348	1,774,153	2,540,501
75-79	33	22	55	929,996	983,559	1,913,555
80-84	15	9	24	321,222	284,336	605,557
85-89	9	6	15	170,930	185,463	356,394
90-94	10	5	15	206,293	128,326	334,619
95+	3	4	7	23,177	66,625	89,802
	171	138	309	3,741,667	6,454,094	10,195,761
age (Age/Payment)	73.13	72.55	72.87	21,881	46,769	32,996
uency Percent	55.3	44.7	100.0	36.7	63.3	100.0

Exhibit 2 - Retiree Distribution as of January 1, 2024

Average (Age/Payment)

Frequency Percent

59.98

10.0

68.21

90.0

67.39

100.0

18,490

4.7

41,840

95.3

39,505

100.0

	Number	of Employe	ees	Total	Payments	
Attained Age	Female	Male	Total	Female	Male	Total
< 20	0	0	0	0	0	0
20-24	0	0	0	0	0	0
25-29	0	0	0	0	0	0
30-34	0	0	0	0	0	0
35-39	0	1	1	0	27,191	27,191
40-44	0	1	1	0	62,573	62,573
45-49	0	0	0	0	0	0
50-54	1	2	3	26,875	101,132	128,007
55-59	0	2	2	0	109,998	109,998
60-64	1	3	4	14,849	104,206	119,056
65-69	1	4	5	13,746	196,714	210,460
70-74	0	5	5	0	189,804	189,804
75-79	0	6	6	0	228,082	228,082
80-84	0	2	2	0	70,583	70,583
85-89	0	1	1	0	39,397	39,397
90-94	0	0	0	0	0	0
95-99	0	0	0	0	0	0
	3	27	30	55,470	1,129,680	1,185,151

Exhibit 3 - Disabled Retiree Distribution as of January 1, 2024

EXHIBIT 4 - CASHFLOW FORECAST:

The following is a 30 year forecast of benefit payments net of state reimbursable COLA payments, Contribution Income and Investment Returns.

	an Year Ending	Benefit Payments	Employee Contributions	Employer Contributions	Investment Returns	Net change in plan assets
,	2024	\$13,246,324	\$3,039,862	\$2,300,000	\$12,246,403	\$4,339,941
/	2025	13,611,165	3,195,556	2,300,000	12,559,697	4,444,088
,	2026	14,045,582	3,358,841	2,300,000	12,955,194	4,568,454
,	2027	14,382,123	3,530,077	2,300,000	13,286,653	4,734,607
,	2028	14,726,009	3,709,637	2,300,000	13,630,460	4,914,088
,	2029	15,134,271	3,897,914	2,300,000	13,985,528	5,049,171
,	2030	15,481,144	4,095,318	2,300,000	14,353,170	5,267,344
,	2031	15,796,376	4,302,277	2,300,000	14,738,532	5,544,433
,	2032	16,076,099	4,519,241	2,300,000	15,146,191	5,889,334
,	2033	16,312,170	4,746,678	2,300,000	15,581,545	6,316,053
,	2034	16,551,708	4,985,079	2,300,000	16,049,008	6,782,378
,	2035	16,794,764	5,234,957	1,519,747	16,534,931	6,494,871
,	2036	17,041,389	5,496,850	545,708	16,995,294	5,996,463
,	2037	17,291,635	5,771,318	510,073	17,438,428	6,428,184
,	2038	17,545,556	6,002,171	530,476	17,911,041	6,898,132
,	2039	17,803,206	6,242,258	551,695	18,418,757	7,409,504
,	2040	18,064,640	6,491,948	573,762	18,964,682	7,965,752
,	2041	18,329,912	6,751,626	596,713	19,552,175	8,570,602
,	2042	18,599,080	7,021,691	620,581	20,184,883	9,228,075
,	2043	18,872,201	7,302,559	645,405	20,866,748	9,942,511
,	2044	19,149,332	7,594,661	671,221	21,602,041	10,718,592
,	2045	19,430,533	7,898,448	698,070	22,395,383	11,561,368
,	2046	19,715,863	8,214,385	725,992	23,251,774	12,476,288
,	2047	20,005,383	8,542,961	755,032	24,176,620	13,469,230
,	2048	20,299,154	8,884,679	785,233	25,175,772	14,546,530
,	2049	20,597,240	9,240,066	816,643	26,255,553	15,715,022
,	2050	20,899,703	9,609,669	849,308	27,422,802	16,982,076
,	2051	21,206,607	9,994,056	883,281	28,684,906	18,355,636
,	2052	21,518,018	10,393,818	918,612	30,049,851	19,844,263
-	2053	22,160,384	10,809,571	955,356	31,514,246	21,118,790

EXHIBIT 5 – SUMMARY OF PLAN PROVISIONS:

This summary is prepared in accordance with Chapter 32 as of January 1, 2024, and does not take into account any subsequent changes.

1. Administration

Each of the 104 contributory retirement systems for public employees of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts are guided by the applicable provisions of Chapter 32 of the Massachusetts General Laws and other applicable statutes. Although these boards operate semi-independently, there is a uniform set of rules governing benefits, eligibility, contributions, financing, and accounting.

2. <u>Participation</u>

Participation is mandatory for all full-time employees whose employment commences prior to age 65. Eligibility with respect to part-time, professional, temporary, or intermittent employment is governed by the local board. Membership is optional for certain elected officials, State officials appointed by the Governor, and certain hospital interns.

There are four classes of membership as follows:

- (i) <u>Group 1</u>: Most general employees in State and local government
- (ii) <u>Group 2</u>: Certain specified hazardous duty positions
- (iii) <u>Group 3</u>: State police officers and inspectors
- (iv) <u>Group 4</u>: Local police officers, firefighters, and designated employees of the municipal light department.

For members in more than one group, participation will be proportional.

Chapter 176 of the Acts of 2011 created different plan provisions within these groups for those hired on or after April 2, 2012.

3. <u>Salary</u>

Salary is defined as gross regular compensation. Salary <u>does not</u> include bonuses, overtime, severance pay, unused sick leave credit, or other similar compensation.

4. Member Contributions

Member contributions vary depending upon date hired as follows:

MemberDate of HireContribution Rate							
Prior to 1975	5.0% of Salary						
1975 to 1983	7.0% of Salary						
1984 to 1996	8.0% of Salary						
1996 and Later plus	9.0% of Salary						
1979 and Later	2.0% of Salary in excess of \$30,000						

For Group 1 employees who become members on or after April 2, 2012, the Contribution Rate shall be 6% after the completion of 30 years of service.

5. <u>Average Salary</u>

Average salary is used to determine a participant's benefit. It is defined as the average salary during the three consecutive-year period that produces the highest average. (Alternatively, if a greater amount results, it is the average rate of salary earned during the period or periods, whether or not consecutive, that constitutes the last three years preceding retirement.). For employees who become members on or after April 2, 2012, the averaging period shall be five years.

6. <u>Creditable Service</u>

In general, creditable service is awarded during the period in which a member contributes to the retirement system.

7. <u>Service Retirement</u>

a. <u>Eligibility</u>:

For an employee to be eligible for service retirement (also referred to as superannuation), one of the following conditions must be met:

- (i) completion of 20 years of service, if hired before April 2, 2012
- (ii) for an employee hired prior to January 1, 1978, attainment of age 55 as an active member
- (iii) for an employee hired on or after January 1, 1978, attainment of age 55 as an active member and completion of ten years of service
- (iv) for a Group 1 employee hired on or after April 2, 2012, attainment of age 60 and completion of ten years of service

b. <u>Benefit Amount</u>:

The retirement allowance is determined as a product of the participant's Benefit Rate times Average Salary times Creditable Service, where Benefit Rate is determined from the following table for those hired prior to April 2, 2012:

Age at	Perce	ntage of Average	Salary
Retirement	<u>Group 1</u>	Group 2	Group 4
65 or Over	.025	.025	.025
64	.024	.025	.025
63	.023	.025	.025
62	.022	.025	.025
61	.021	.025	.025
60	.020	.025	.025
59	.019	.023	.025
58	.019	.023	.025
57	.017	.022	.025
56	.016	.021	.025
50	.010	.021	.025
55	.015	.020	.025
54	.014	.014	.024
53	.013	.013	.023
52	.012	.012	.022
51	.011	.011	.021
50	.010	.010	.020
30 49			
49 48	.009	.009	.019
	.008	.008	.018
47	.007	.007	.017
46	.006	.006	.016
45	.005	.005	.015
44	.004	.004	.004
43	.003	.003	.003
42	.002	.002	.002
41	.001	.001	.001

For those hired after April 1, 2012 who retire with less than 30 years of service, the following rates are applied:

Age at	Percer	ntage of Average	Salary
Retirement	Group 1	Group 2	Group 4
67 or Over	.0250	.0250	.0250
66	.0235	.0250	.0250
65	.0220	.0250	.0250
64	.0205	.0250	.0250
63	.0190	.0250	.0250
62	.0175	.0250	.0250
61	.0160	.0235	.0250
60	.0145	.0220	.0250
59		.0205	.0250
58		.0190	.0250
57		.0175	.0250
56		.0160	.0235
55		.0145	.0220
54			.0205
53			.0190
52			.0175
51			.0160
50			.0145

Age at	Percer	ntage of Average	Salary
Retirement	Group 1	Group 2	Group 4
67 or Over	.02500	.02500	.02500
66	.02375	.02500	.02500
65	.02250	.02500	.02500
64	.02125	.02500	.02500
63	.02000	.02500	.02500
62	.01875	.02500	.02500
61	.01750	.02375	.02500
60	.01625	.02250	.02500
59		.02125	.02500
58		.02000	.02500
57		.01875	.02500
56		.01750	.02375
55		.01625	.02250
54			.02125
53			.02000
52			.01875
51			.01750
50			.01625

For those hired after April 1, 2012 who retire with at least 30 years of service, the following rates are applied:

8. Deferred Vested Retirement

a. <u>Eligibility</u>:

A participant who has completed ten or more years of creditable service is eligible for a deferred vested retirement benefit. If termination is involuntary, the participant is vested after six years.

b. <u>Benefit Amount</u>:

The participant's accrued benefit is payable commencing at age 55, or may be deferred until later at the employee's option.

c. <u>Refund of Contributions</u>:

In lieu of the deferred pension benefit, a member may elect to receive a refund of their accumulated contributions with interest.

9. Accidental Disability

a. <u>Eligibility</u>:

Participants are eligible for an accidental disability benefit, regardless of service or age, if they become permanently and totally incapacitated for further duty as a result of personal injury sustained while in the performance of duties.

b. Benefit Amount:

The accidental disability amount is 72% of annual salary plus \$450 per year for each child plus an additional annuity based upon accumulated Member Contributions with credited interest.

10. Ordinary Disability

a. <u>Eligibility</u>:

An ordinary disability occurs when a member becomes permanently and totally disabled due to sickness or injury that is not job related. In order to be eligible for an ordinary disability benefit, a member must have ten years of service (and be less than age 55 or age 60 if hired on or after April 2, 2012).

b. <u>Benefit Amount</u>:

The ordinary disability amount is equal to the accrued retirement benefit as if the member were age 55 (age 60 if hired on or after April 2, 2012). If the member was a veteran, the benefit is 50% of the member's final rate of Salary during the preceding 12 months, plus an annuity based upon accumulated Member Contributions plus credited interest. If the participant is over age 55 (age 60 if hired on or after April 2, 2012), he will receive not less than the superannuation allowance to which he is entitled.

11. <u>Survivor Benefits</u>

a. <u>Occupational Death</u>:

The survivors of a member who dies due to an occupational injury will be entitled to a lump sum return of contributions plus a pension benefit equal to 72% of the participant's annual Salary.

b. <u>Non-Occupational Death</u>:

Upon the death of a member other than due to an occupational injury, the designated beneficiary will be entitled to a retirement benefit as if Option C had been elected with a minimum of \$250 per month to the surviving spouse, plus \$120 for the first child, plus \$90 for each additional child. If no beneficiary is designated and if the employee worked two years, and is married at least one year, the spouse may elect benefits. If there is no designated beneficiary or surviving spouse, then member contributions are returned. If there are dependent children but no surviving spouse, they may elect minimum survivor benefits of \$250 per month plus \$120 for the first child and \$90 for each additional child.

c. <u>Refund of Contributions</u>:

Upon the death of a member not entitled to survivor benefits, the beneficiary is entitled to a refund of all member contributions with interest.

12. <u>Cost-of-Living Increases</u>

In accordance with the adoption of Chapter 17 of the Acts of 1997, the granting of a cost-ofliving adjustment will be determined by an annual vote by the Retirement Board. The amount of increase will be based upon the Consumer Price Index, limited to a maximum of 3.0%, beginning on July 1. All retirees, disabled retirees, and beneficiaries who have been receiving benefits payments for at least one year as of July 1 are eligible for the adjustment. The maximum amount of pension benefit subject to a COLA is \$14,000. All COLAs granted to members after 1981 and prior to July 1, 1998 are deemed to be an obligation of the State and are not the liability of the Retirement System.

13. Postretirement Death Benefits

Any benefits following the death of a member after retirement are based upon the form of benefit the participant elected at the time of retirement. There are three available forms as follows:

- (i) Option A Life annuity
- (ii) Option B Life annuity with death benefit equal to excess of member contributions plus credited interest to retirement over annuity benefit paid to member
- (iii) Option C Life annuity with 66-2/3% of benefit continued after death of member to designated joint annuitant

EXHIBIT 6 – ACTUARIAL METHODS AND ASSUMPTIONS:

The actuarial cost method, factors, and assumptions used in determining cost estimates are presented below.

1. Member Data

The member data used in the determination of cost estimates consist of pertinent information with respect to the active, inactive, retired, and disabled members of the employer as supplied by the employer to the actuary.

2. Valuation Date

January 1, 2024.

3. <u>Actuarial Cost Method</u>

The costs of the Plan have been determined in accordance with the individual entry age normal actuarial cost method.

4. Rate of Investment Return

It is assumed that the assets of the fund will accumulate at a compound annual rate of 7.5% per annum.

5. <u>Salary Scale</u>

It is assumed that salaries including longevity will increase at a rate of 3.5% per year.

6. <u>Cost-of-Living Increases</u>

Cost-of-living increases have been assumed to be 3.0% of the lesser of the pension amount and \$14,000 per year.

7. <u>Value of Investments</u>

Assets held by the fund are valued at market value as reported by the Public Employees' Retirement Administration Commission (PERAC). The actuarial value of assets is determined

using a five-year smoothing of asset returns greater than or less than the assumed rate of return.

8. Annual Rate of Withdrawal Prior to Retirement

Based on an analysis of experience, the assumed annual rates of withdrawal may best be illustrated by the following rates at the following ages:

<u>Service</u>	General <u>Employees</u>	Police and Fire <u>Employees</u>
0	0.2080	0.1500
5	0.1020	0.1000
10	0.0650	0.0600
15	0.0417	0.0600
20	0.0400	0.0000
30	0.0000	0.0000

9. Annual Rate of Mortality

The mortality assumptions were changed from the prior valuation. It is assumed that mortality for is represented by the various SOA Pub-2010 Public Retirement Plans Mortality Tables specific to the Group, Pre-retirement versus Post, Disabled and Beneficiaries, with Scale MP-2018 improvements until 2025.

10. Service Retirement

Based on an analysis of experience, the assumed annual retirement rates are illustrated at the following ages for those hired prior to April 2, 2012:

	Male	Female	Male and Female			
	General	General	Police and Fire			
Age	Employees	Employees	Employees			
50	0.0360	0.1019	0.0382			
51	0.0405	0.0714	0.0351			
52	0.0437	0.0562	0.0436			
53	0.0366	0.0448	0.0527			
54	0.0451	0.0488	0.0999			
55	0.0477	0.0469	0.1110			
56	0.0574	0.0518	0.1413			
57	0.0632	0.0509	0.1292			
58	0.0765	0.0552	0.1499			
59	0.0917	0.0645	0.1679			
60	0.1057	0.0774	0.1871			
61	0.1224	0.1038	0.2073			
62	0.1473	0.1168	0.2176			
63	0.1777	0.1440	0.3338			
64	0.2136	0.1708	0.5664			
65	0.2615	0.1939	1.00000			
66	0.2682	0.1959	1.00000			
67	0.2500	0.2000	1.00000			
68	0.2500	0.2000	1.00000			
69	0.2500	0.2000	1.00000			
70 to 76	0.2500	0.2500	1.00000			
77 to 79	0.3500	0.2500	1.00000			
80	1.0000	1.0000	1.00000			

Based on an analysis of experience, the assumed annual retirement rates are illustrated at the following ages for those hired on or after April 2, 2012:

Age	Male General <u>Employees</u>	Female General <u>Employees</u>	Male and Female Police and Fire <u>Employees</u>
50	0.0000	0.0000	0.0191
51	0.0000	0.0000	0.0176
52	0.0000	0.0000	0.0436
53	0.0000	0.0000	0.0211
54	0.0000	0.0000	0.0266
55	0.0000	0.0000	0.0370
56	0.0000	0.0000	0.1060
57	0.0000	0.0000	0.1938
58	0.0000	0.0000	0.1499
59	0.0000	0.0000	0.1119
60	0.0477	0.0469	0.0936
61	0.0574	0.0518	0.1555
62	0.0632	0.0509	0.1741
63	0.0765	0.0552	0.2670
64	0.0917	0.0645	0.4720
65	0.1057	0.0774	0.2500
66	0.1224	0.1038	0.3000
67	0.1473	0.1168	1.0000
68	0.1777	0.1440	1.0000
69	0.2136	0.1708	1.0000
70	0.2615	0.1939	1.0000
70 to 76	0.2682	0.1959	1.0000
77 to 79	0.2500	0.2000	1.0000
80	0.2500	0.2000	1.0000

12. Annual Rate of Disability Prior to Retirement

Based on an analysis of experience, the assumed annual rates of disability may best be illustrated by the following probabilities at the following ages:

Attained <u>Age</u>	General <u>Employees</u>	Police and Fire <u>Employees</u>
20	0.000100	0.000500
30	0.000152	0.000967
40	0.000663	0.002500
50	0.001271	0.007634

In addition, it is assumed for the general employees that 30% of all disabilities are ordinary (70% are service connected). For police and fire employees, 5% of all disabilities are assumed to be ordinary (95% are service connected).

13. Family Composition

It is assumed that 80% of all members will be survived by a spouse and that females (males) are three years younger (older) than members.

14. Administrative Expenses

The normal cost is increased by an amount equal to the anticipated administrative expenses for the upcoming fiscal year. The amount for fiscal year 2024 is \$250,000 and is anticipated to increase at 4.0% per year.

EXHIBIT 7 – GLOSSARY OF TERMS:

This glossary summarizes the technical terms contained in this report.

1. Actuarial Accrued Liability

That portion of the Actuarial Present Value of plan benefits that is not provided for by future employer Normal Costs or employee contributions.

2. <u>Actuarial Assumptions</u>

Assumptions as to the occurrence of future events affecting the Retirement System such as:

- Rates of investment returns
- Increases in a member's salary
- Inflation
- The probability of mortality, turnover, disablement
- Retirement at each age and other relevant items

3. <u>Actuarial Cost Method</u>

A procedure for allocating the Actuarial Present Value of pension plan benefits between Normal Cost and Actuarial Accrued Liability.

4. <u>Actuarial Present Value</u>

The single sum amount required at the valuation date that is required to provide for anticipated future events based upon the terms of the plan and the Actuarial Assumptions.

5. <u>Forecast</u>

A projection of future benefit payments or contribution requirements based upon the terms of the plan, the current asset amounts, the Actuarial Assumptions, and additional assumptions as to the replacement of terminating employees with new employees.

6. <u>Normal Cost</u>

That portion of the Actuarial Present Value of future benefits that is assigned to the current year.

7. Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability

That portion of the Actuarial Accrued Liability that is not provided for by current actuarial value of assets.

8. <u>Valuation Method</u>

The method used to divide the cost of future benefits among the Actuarial Accrued Liability, the current year's Normal Costs, and future years' Normal Costs. The resulting current funding requirement is then determined as the current year's Normal Cost plus the payment necessary to amortize the Unfunded Actuarial Liability.

9. <u>Vested Liability</u>

That portion of the Actuarial Present Value of Accrued Benefits that a member would be entitled to if the member terminated employment with the employer as of the valuation date.

CERTIFICATION:

This report fairly represents the actuarial position of the Shrewsbury Retirement System contributing as of January 1, 2024, in accordance with generally accepted actuarial principles applied consistently with the preceding valuation. In our opinion, the actuarial assumptions used to compute actuarial accrued liability and normal cost are reasonably related to plan experience and to reasonable expectations, and represents our best estimate of anticipated plan experience.

The funded status measure is appropriate for assessing the sufficiency of plan assets to cover the estimated cost of settling the plan's benefit obligations. The funded status measure is appropriate for assessing the need for or the amount of future contributions. The funded status measure would be different if the measure reflected the market value of assets rather than the actuarial value of assets.

Future actuarial measurements may differ significantly from the current measurements presented in this report due to such factors as the following: plan experience differing from that anticipated by the economic or demographic assumptions; changes in economic or demographic assumptions; increases or decreases expected as part of the natural operation of the methodology used for these measurements (such as the end of an amortization period or additional cost or contribution requirements based on the plan's funded status); and changes in plan provisions or applicable law. Due to the limited scope of our assignment, we did not perform an analysis of the potential range of such future measurements.

The report was prepared under the supervision of Daniel Sherman, an Associate of the Society of Actuaries and a Member of the American Academy of Actuaries, who takes responsibility for the overall appropriateness of the analysis, assumptions and results. Daniel Sherman is deemed to meet the General Qualification Standard and the basic education and experience requirement in the pension area. Based on over thirty years of performing valuations of similar complexity, Mr. Sherman is qualified by experience. Daniel Sherman has met the Qualification Standards of the American Academy of Actuaries to render the actuarial opinion contained herein.

Sherman Actuarial Services, LLC

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November, 2024

BREAKOUTS

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Breakouts

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Housing</u>	<u>Light</u>	<u>Cable</u>	<u>Water</u>	<u>Sewer</u>	<u>Custodians</u>	<u>All Others</u>	<u>School</u> Employees	<u>School</u> Lunch	<u>Stormwater</u>
(1) Participants											
(a) Actives	441	8	39	31	14	1	26	209	100	9	4
(b) Inactives	122	1	8	10	2	2	2	34	61	2	0
(c) Retirees and Benefiaries	309	7	36	12	12	0	20	135	68	19	0
(d) Disabled Retirees	<u>30</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>
(e) Total	902	16	85	53	28	4	50	400	231	31	4
(2) Payroll of Active Participants	\$33,010,516	\$547,289	\$4,353,404	\$3,060,061	\$960,151	\$66,325	\$1,646,062	\$16,430,762	\$5,304,692	\$353,822	\$287,949
(3) Normal Cost											
(a) Total Normal Cost	3,507,143	54,652	420,014	304,799	91,016	5,239	221,726	1,736,449	606,150	43,191	23,907
(b) Expected Employee Contributions	3,039,862	50,678	397,965	289,163	88,081	6,209	150,322	1,523,220	478,846	29,143	26,233
(c) Administrative Expenses	250,000	3,896	29,940	21,727	6,488	373	15,805	123,779	43,208	3,079	1,704
(d) Net Employer Normal Cost (a) - (b) + (c)	717,281	7,870	51,989	37,363	9,423	(597)	87,209	337,008	170,512	17,127	(622)
(4) Actuarial Accrued Liability	182,872,022	2,990,380	29,385,754	8,668,158	6,232,777	626,624	8,059,182	94,693,185	27,790,794	4,330,846	94,322
(5) Assets*	172,653,197	<u>2,685,872</u>	<u>31,986,704</u>	8,260,532	<u>5,598,097</u>	562,815	7,238,521	87,385,225	24,960,876	<u>3,889,839</u>	84,717
(6) Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability (4) - (5)	10,218,825	304,508	(2,600,950)	407,626	634,680	63,809	820,661	7,307,960	2,829,918	441,007	9,605
(7) Amortizations	2,838,148	84,573	(722,381)	113,213	176,274	17,722	227,928	2,029,693	785,974	122,484	2,668
(8) Total Required Employer Contributions *	3,555,429	76,519	0	129,260	152,507	13,789	272,222	1,984,541	808,499	116,549	1,543
(9) Fiscal 2025 Cost	2,300,000	49,500	0	83,618	98,657	8,920	176,100	1,283,795	523,016	75,395	998
(10) Fiscal 2026 Cost	2,300,000	49,500	0	83,618	98,657	8,920	176,100	1,283,795	523,016	75,395	998
(11) Fiscal 2027 Cost	2,300,000	49,500	0	83,618	98,657	8,920	176,100	1,283,795	523,016	75,395	998
(12) Fiscal 2028 Cost	2,300,000	49,500	0	83,618	98,657	8,920	176,100	1,283,795	523,016	75,395	998
(13) Fiscal 2029 Cost	2,300,000	49,500	0	83,618	98,657	8,920	176,100	1,283,795	523,016	75,395	998
(14) Fiscal 2030 Cost	2,300,000	49,500	0	83,618	98,657	8,920	176,100	1,283,795	523,016	75,395	998
(15) Fiscal 2031 Cost	2,300,000	49,500	0	83,618	98,657	8,920	176,100	1,283,795	523,016	75,395	998
(16) Fiscal 2032 Cost	2,300,000	49,500	0	83,618	98,657	8,920	176,100	1,283,795	523,016	75,395	998
(17) Fiscal 2032 Cost	2,300,000	49,500	0	83,618	98,657	8,920	176,100	1,283,795	523,016	75,395	998
(18) Percentage of Total Cost	100.0%	2.2%	0.0%	3.6%	4.3%	0.4%	7.7%	55.8%	22.7%	3.3%	0.0%
(19) Funded Ratio	94.41%	89.82%	108.85%	95.30%	89.82%	89.82%	89.82%	92.28%	89.82%	89.82%	89.82%