



# PLAINFIELD FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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## BOARD OF FIRE TRUSTEES

President Bob Baish called the March 19, 2025, meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Plainfield Fire Protection District to order at 10:00 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance at the District Headquarters located at 23748 W. 135<sup>th</sup> Street, Plainfield, IL, in the Boardroom.

A roll call attendance was taken: Trustee Tom Paul – present, Trustee Bob Baish – present, Trustee Doug Shreve – present, and Trustee Ted Peszynski – present. Trustee Bill Barnes was absent.

Chief Vito Bonomo, Deputy Chief Mark Reynolds, Deputy Chief Chuck Kraft, Attorney John Motylinski, Brad O’Sullivan, Governmental Accounting, and Administrative Assistant Mary Jo Fazio were also in attendance.

Trustee Baish took a moment to recognize the passing of Trustee Bill Barnes and all his accomplishments along with his dedication in making the Plainfield Fire Protection District what it is today.

**Open Forum** – Nothing from the audience.

Chief Bonomo recognized several of our Firefighters / Paramedics with awards for the following calls: a CPR save in January 2025, a baby delivery in February 2025, and another CPR save in February 2025. Thank you to all for doing an outstanding job.

**Correspondence** – Trustee Paul read a thank you from the Naperville Fire Department thanking us for our assistance during a structure fire in their district. He also read a thank you from a resident thanking Station 1, Gold Shift, for the amazing knowledge and level of care/respect that was shown to her daughter during a medical emergency.

**Trustee Shreve motioned to approve the February 11, 2025, meeting minutes, seconded by Trustee Peszynski. A roll call vote was taken: Trustee Paul – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Peszynski - yes. Motion carried.**

Brad O’Sullivan, Governmental Accounting, reviewed the Treasurer’s report with the Board. **Trustee Peszynski motioned to accept the Treasurer’s report as presented, seconded by Trustee Shreve. A roll call vote was taken: Trustee Paul – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Peszynski – yes. Motion carried.**

Simon Grant, Director, Senior Vice President of Busey Bank, gave an update on the district’s investment portfolio.

**Trustee Shreve motioned to pay the bills in the usual manner, seconded by Trustee Paul. A roll call vote was taken: Trustee Peszynski – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Paul – yes. Motion carried.**

**Old Business** – Seeking board consideration and a possible motion for land acquisition for a future Fire Station 6. This item was tabled until the April 8, 2025, meeting.

**New Business** – No Board of Review Notices were received.

No Annexations were received.

One Tax Objection was received. Attorney John Motylinski stated there is no action to be taken.

Attorney's Report – John Motylinski extended his and the Law Firm's condolences to the Board on the passing of Bill Barnes. He reported that the deadline for the General Assembly to present Bills from the house committees is Friday, March 21, 2025. He also informed the Board that two of our Firefighters/Paramedics had to give a court deposition. They did an excellent job and professionally represented the Fire District.

Chief Bonomo explained to the Board that the new exhaust system at St. 4 is needed because the existing one is on the wrong side for the tender. It takes more time to disconnect from the tender and adds additional response time leaving the station. This is a grant-funded purchase from the Illinois Public Risk Fund Grant we received. The cost is \$14,855.00. After a brief discussion, **Trustee Shreve motioned to purchase the Hastings Plymovent Rail Based Exhaust System for \$14,855.00 for St. 4, seconded by Trustee Paul. A roll call vote was taken as: Trustee Peszynski – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Paul – yes. Motion carried.**

Discussion and approval to purchase property at 06-03-25-322-002-000 on Hennepin Drive in Joliet. The Board Reviewed Resolution No. 2025-0319, a Resolution authorizing the purchase of real estate commonly known as vacant Hennepin Drive, Joliet, IL 60431, Will County for the Plainfield Fire Protection District. After some discussion, **Trustee Shreve motioned to accept Resolution No. 2025-0319 as presented, seconded by Trustee Peszynski. A roll call vote was taken: Trustee Peszynski – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Paul – yes. Motion carried.**

Two sealed bids for lawn care and snow removal at the Headquarters building, Stations 1, 2, 3, and 4 for the 2025-2026 season were received. One bid was from K & R Landscaping, and the other was from Langton Group. The Board reviewed both bids, and a discussion was held. **Trustee Peszynski motioned to accept Langton Group's bid as presented, being the lower of the two received for a one-year contract, seconded by Trustee Shreve. A roll call vote was taken: Trustee Paul – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Peszynski – yes. Motion carried.**

The Board reviewed the closed session minutes from July 25, 2023; August 8, 2023; August 18, 2023; September 12, 2023; October 10, 2023; November 14, 2023; December 12, 2023; May 14, 2024; and July 9, 2024, to determine if they should be made public or remain closed. **Trustee Shreve motioned to keep the closed session minutes listed as closed, seconded by Trustee Peszynski. A roll call vote was taken: Trustee Paul – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Peszynski – yes. Motion carried.**

Seeking board consideration and a motion to surplus eleven old office chairs for donation. Chief Bonomo stated the chairs are over 10 years old. **Trustee Peszynski motioned to surplus eleven old office chairs for donation, seconded by Trustee Shreve. A roll call vote was taken: Trustee Peszynski – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Paul – yes. Motion carried.**

Seeking board consideration and a motion to surplus 100 feet of five-inch hose disposal. **Trustee Peszynski motioned to surplus 100 feet of five-inch hose for disposal, seconded by Trustee Paul. A roll call vote was taken: Trustee Paul – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Peszynski – yes. Motion carried.**

Chief's Report – The income from billing services for February 2025 was \$195,844.00 from EMS MC. The billing income for February 2025 from USA Fire Recovery was \$9,731.20.

Chief Vito Bonomo updated the Board on the following items:

- The old 1914 ambulance will be sent out on March 20, 2025, to begin the re-chassis process. It is projected to take six months.
- Plainfield Fire Prevention is still working with the Oswego Fire Department and the Village of Plainfield to standardize some of the fire codes for both districts.
- The Village of Plainfield asked the Plainfield Fire Protection District if they would agree to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement to share the maintenance of the Opticom's in the district. The Village is proposing we share the expense by 50%. The maintenance (testing) needs to be conducted annually. There will be more discussions on this topic in the future.
- Narvick, the Construction Manager for the HQ remodel project, has enlisted trade partners. They will have all scope letters completed by Friday, March 21, 2025, and will begin soliciting bids.
- We are hosting a Storm Preparedness Workshop presented by the Will County Emergency Management Agency on Saturday, March 22, 2025, from 9 am – 2 pm. This is a free workshop open to the public.
- We are working with the Barnes family to assist them with the services for Bill.

**Committee Reports** – Nothing to report.

**Other Reports** – Nothing to report.

**There being no further business or a need for a closed session, Trustee Shreve motioned to adjourn the meeting at 11:53 a.m., seconded by Trustee Peszynski, all in favor.**

Respectfully submitted,

*Tom Paul, Secretary*

Mary Jo Fazio, Administrative Assistant