



PLAINFIELD FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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BOARD OF FIRE TRUSTEES

President Bob Baish called the September 8, 2026, meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Plainfield Fire Protection District to order at 11:00 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance at the District Headquarters, located at 23748 W. 135th Street, Plainfield, IL, in the Boardroom.

A roll call was taken: Trustee Ted Peszynski – present; Trustee Bob Baish – present; and Trustee Bob Dehm – present. Trustees Bill Klein and Doug Shreve were absent.

Chief Vito Bonomo, Deputy Chief Mark Reynolds, Attorney John Motylinski, James Howard, Governmental Accounting, and Administrative Assistant Mary Jo Fazio were also in attendance.

Open Forum – Nothing from the audience.

Correspondence – Trustee Dehm read a thank-you note from the Plainfield Police Department thanking us for participating in their National Night Out event.

Trustee Peszynski motioned to approve the August 11, 2026, meeting minutes, seconded by Trustee Dehm. The Board took a roll call vote: Trustee Dehm – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Peszynski – yes. Motion carried.

Trustee Peszynski motioned to approve the August 19, 2026, special meeting minutes, seconded by Trustee Dehm. The Board took a roll call vote: Trustee Peszynski – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Dehm – yes. Motion carried.

James Howard, Governmental Accounting, reviewed the Treasurer's report with the Board. **Trustee Dehm motioned to accept the Treasurer's report as presented, seconded by Trustee Peszynski. The Board took a roll call vote: Trustee Dehm – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Peszynski – yes. Motion carried.**

Trustee Dehm motioned to pay the bills in the usual manner, seconded by Trustee Peszynski. The Board took a roll call vote: Trustee Peszynski – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Dehm – yes. Motion carried.

Old Business – Chief Bonomo stated that the permit process for Station 5 remains ongoing.

New Business – Two Board of Review Notices were received. John Motylinski stated that no action is necessary.

No Annexations were received.

No Tax Objections were received.

Attorney's Report – John Motylinski asked the Board to continue checking their spam folders for FOIA requests. If any are received, please forward them to John. He said that the General Assembly is in recess until October 1, 2026, so there is nothing to report. We have until October 1, 2026, to give our EMS rate to the Illinois Department of Health.

We received one sealed bid for the Ford F550 ambulance from Foster Coach Sales, Inc. The bid price is \$367,086.00 for one and \$734,172.00 for two. After a very lengthy discussion, **Trustee Baish motioned to purchase two ambulances for \$734,172.00 due to the 3-year buildout time, seconded by Trustee Dehm. The Board took a roll call vote: Trustee Peszynski – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Dehm – yes. Motion carried.**

Trustee Peszynski motioned to surplus old hose nozzles and tips that could no longer be used safely, seconded by Trustee Dehm. Because they cannot be used in service, they will be donated to WILCO School for fire training. The Board took a roll call vote: Trustee Dehm – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Peszynski – yes. Motion carried.

Trustee Dehm motioned to surplus fire hose that failed our annual hose testing and can no longer be used safely, seconded by Trustee Peszynski. The Board took a roll call vote: Trustee Peszynski – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Dehm – yes. Motion carried.

Trustee Peszynski motioned to surplus eleven old fire helmets and pants, nine bunker coats, and thirteen bunker pants, as they have reached their 10-year lifespan; seconded by Trustee Dehm. The Board took a roll call vote: Trustee Peszynski – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Dehm – yes. Motion carried.

Chief's Report – The income from billing services for August 2026 from EMS MC was \$212,872.00. The billing income for August 2026 from USA Fire Recovery was \$5,921.00.

Chief Bonomo updated the Board on the following items:

- FOIA requests no longer need to be on a specific form. We have a link on our website where they can fill out the requested information, and it goes to Plainfield's email.
- We have a change order for the back catwalk at Headquarters. Work will begin next week.
- On September 11, 2026, at 8:15 a.m., we will dedicate our new fire bell with a ceremony, and at 8:45, we will have a ceremony remembering 9/11, 25 years later, at Headquarters. All are invited.
- The lighting project at Headquarters is almost complete. They need to finish programming the outside lights.
- The cascade system that fills our SCBA tanks should be installed at St. 4 on September 16, 2026.
- We are working with Will County and IEMA for a \$10,000.00 reimbursement from the August 11, 2026, storms.
- Personnel are working on their department budgets. We are hoping to have a draft ready in October.
- We will be having a meeting with One Digital in the third week of October regarding health insurance renewal. We are waiting on pricing.
- Open House is September 19, 2026, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Committee Reports – Nothing to report.

Other Reports – Nothing to report.

The next regular meeting is Tuesday, October 13, 2026, at 11:00 a.m.

There being no further business, Trustee Peszynski motioned to adjourn the meeting at 11:40 a.m., seconded by Trustee Dehm, all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Dehm, Secretary

Mary Jo Fazio, Administrative Assistant