

PLAINFIELD FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
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BOARD OF FIRE TRUSTEES

President Bob Baish called the October 13, 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 Bill Klein – present; Trustee Bob Baish – present; Trustee Doug Shreve – present; and Trustee Bob Dehm – present.

Chief Vito Bonomo, 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 a resident thanking 1926, Lt. Matt Mullins, FF/PM Scott Sheldon, and Ed Eddy for their professionalism during a 911 call. He also read a thank-you from another resident thanking St. 4, Black Shift, Lt. Bob Knowles, FF/PM Chad Krnac, Brennon Kuhn, Nick Airola, and Jesus Palomares for their assistance, kindness, strength, and compassion during a 911 call.

Trustee Peszynski motioned to approve the September 8, 2026, meeting minutes, seconded by Trustee Shreve. The Board took a roll call vote: Trustee Dehm – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Klein – yes; Trustee Peszynski – yes. Motion carried.

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

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

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

New Business – Three Board of Review Notices were received. John Motylinski stated that there is no need for us to act upon them.

No Annexations were received.

No Tax Objections were received.

Attorney's Report – John Motylinski continued to ask the Board to check their spam folders for FOIA requests, and if any are received, forward them to him. He noted that proposed legislation would change FOIA request procedures. He will keep everyone updated on this subject.

Chief Bonomo reviewed the Smith Painting proposal with the Board. He stated that the overhead doors at St. 2, the maintenance building, and the pole building need to be repainted due to fading. There is a total of 17 doors for $15,900.00. After a brief discussion, **Trustee Shreve motioned to approve the Smith Painting project for $15,900.00, seconded by Trustee Peszynski. The Board took a roll call vote: Trustee Peszynski – yes; Trustee Klein – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Dehm - yes. Motion carried.**
This is a budgeted item.

Chief Bonomo explained the new Quick Response Vehicle (QRV) pilot program to the Board. Vehicle 1958 (pick-up truck) would be assigned to St. 1. It would be staffed with a Lt. (if available) and a firefighter/paramedic or two firefighters/paramedics per shift. It will be equipped with a utility cap and specialized EMS, rescue, hazard assessment, and support equipment. We will try this for one year starting in 2027. After some discussion, **Trustee Shreve motioned to approve the QRV pilot program as presented, seconded by Trustee Dehm. The Board took a roll call vote: Trustee Peszynski – yes; Trustee Klein – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Dehm - yes. Motion carried.**

James Howard presented the 2026 Tax Levy Determination to the Board. He stated the 2026 Tax Levy request is $24,589,000.00 or 6.00% over last year's extension. After a brief conversation, **Trustee Peszynski motioned to accept the 2026 Tax Levy Determination as presented, seconded by Trustee Shreve. The Board took a roll call vote: Trustee Peszynski – yes; Trustee Klein – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Dehm - yes. Motion carried.**

Seeking Board consideration and a motion to move funds to our wealth management accounts as directed by James Howard, Governmental Accounting. **Trustee Klein motioned to move funds to our wealth management accounts as directed by James Howard, seconded by Trustee Dehm. The Board took a roll call vote: Trustee Dehm – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Klein – yes; Trustee Peszynski – yes. Motion carried.**

The Board reviewed the closed session minutes from May 20, 2025, June 13, 2025, October 7, 2025, November 11, 2025, and December 9, 2025, to determine if they should be made public or remain closed. **Trustee Shreve motioned to keep the closed session minutes listed closed, seconded by Trustee Dehm. The Board took a roll call vote: Trustee Dehm – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Klein – yes; Trustee Peszynski – yes. Motion carried.**

Trustee Peszynski motioned to surplus nine out-of-service meters for disposal, seconded by Trustee Shreve. The Board took a roll call vote: Trustee Dehm – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Klein – yes; Trustee Peszynski – yes. Motion carried.

Trustee Shreve motioned to surplus seven old recliners at St. 2 for donation or disposal, seconded by Trustee Dehm. The Board took a roll call vote: Trustee Peszynski – yes; Trustee Klein – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Dehm - yes. Motion carried.

James Howard presented the Budget Analysis & 5 -year forecast for the 12 months ended December 31, 2027, to the Board.

Chief's Report – Income from billing services for September 2026 from EMS MC was $22,668.00. Billing income for September 2026 from USA Fire Recovery was $5,404.00.

Chief Bonomo updated the Board on the following items:

- St. 3's communal area flooded due to a sprinkler contractor who was testing the sprinkler system without draining the lines first.
- The Catwalk at Headquarters is still a work in progress. They are waiting for steel to be delivered.
- We continue to work with the City of Joliet regarding our new Station 5.
- The purchase of the property on County Line Road & 143rd by Trammell Crow should close in the first quarter of 2027. Once the property is closed, we will gain ownership of 2 acres for our future Station 6.
- We were notified that 18 heads on top of the outside light poles need to be replaced due to corrosion. It was quoted at $1,155.00 per head.
- The Village of Plainfield approved the fuel tanks for St. 4. We received the State Fire Marshal's approval. The tanks are being installed.
- Plainfield Township asked us to partner with them to place a Narcan dispensing machine in the lobby of St. 4. We would have to move the door FOB to the inner door for them to have access to the Narcan. The Township will pay for moving the locks through a grant.

Committee Reports – Nothing to report.

Other Reports – Nothing to report.

The next regular meeting is Tuesday, November 10, 2026, at 11:00 a.m.

There being no further business, Trustee Shreve motioned to adjourn the meeting at 12:09 p.m., seconded by Trustee Peszynski, all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Bob Dehm, Secretary

Mary Jo Fazio, Administrative Assistant