



PLAINFIELD FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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BOARD OF FIRE TRUSTEES

President Bob Baish called the January 14, 2025, 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 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, Attorney John Motylinski, James Howard, Governmental Accounting, and Administrative Assistant Mary Jo Fazio were also in attendance.

Open Forum – Nothing from the audience.

Correspondence – Chief Bonomo read a thank you note from Elwood Fire Protection District for assisting with a structure fire in their district and from a resident thanking Paramedic Marc Findlay for his compassion and professionalism during her emergency.

Trustee Shreve motioned to approve the December 10, 2024, meeting minutes, seconded by Trustee Peszynski. A roll call vote was taken: Trustee Peszynski – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Paul – yes. Motion carried.

Trustee Peszynski motioned to approve the December 10, 2024, closed session meeting minutes, seconded by Trustee Shreve. A roll call vote was taken: Trustee Paul – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Peszynski – yes. Motion carried.

James Howard, 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.**

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 – The Board requested a closed session to discuss the renewal of Chief Vito Bonomo's contract, the extension of Deputy Chief Mark Reynolds' contract, and the renewal of Deputy Chief Chuck Kraft's contract.

The Board reviewed the five-year Strategic Plan from last month's meeting. After a brief discussion, **Trustee Shreve motioned to approve the Strategic Plan as presented, seconded by Trustee Peszynski. A roll call vote was taken: Trustee Paul – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Peszynski - yes. Motion carried.**

Chief Bonomo requested a closed session to discuss the possible land acquisition for a future fire station.

New Business – No Board of Review Notices were received.

No Annexations were received.

One Tax Objection was received. Attorney John Motylinski stated there isn't any action to be taken.

Attorney's Report – John Motylinski reported the General Assembly veto session has ended. He said there was nothing new to report regarding Fire Districts/Departments. He said they had a Lame Duck Session but there isn't anything to report from that session.

In DC Kraft's absence, Chief Bonomo explained that DC Kraft contacted Rohn Products, LLC requesting a quote for the radio antenna tower. Chief Bonomo reviewed the quote with the Board. The quote is for \$19,428.00. After a brief discussion, **Trustee Shreve motioned to approve the purchase of the Rohn radio antenna tower for \$19,428.00 as quoted, seconded by Trustee Paul. A roll call vote was taken: Trustee Peszynski – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Paul – yes. Motion carried. This is a budgeted item.**

Chief's Report – The income from billing services for December 2024 was \$213,782.82 from EMS MC (formerly Andres Medical). The billing income for November 2024 from USA Fire Recovery was \$5,330.00.

Chief Vito Bonomo updated the Board on the following items:

- In 2024 we had 5,677 calls. That is up 1% from 2023.
- The new ambulance (1914) will be delivered on January 20, 2025. It will be in service early to mid-February.
- Production of the new engine (1931) will begin soon. Approximate delivery is September 2025.
- Attended the Village Board meeting regarding the Trammell Crow project at 143rd Street west of Steiner Road. Trustee Bob Baish and Trustee Doug Shreve also attended.
- The contract from Studio GC for architectural services for the front entry project and the back walkway improvement at Headquarters has been received and is being reviewed.
- The contract for Narvick Brothers for construction management services has been received and is under review.
- The Illinois Public Risk Fund (IPRF) 2024 claims decreased from 2023.
- Attended the special events meeting at the Village Hall to discuss which events the Fire District provides services for should be charged, and which should not.

Committee Reports – Nothing to report.

Other Reports – Nothing to report.

Trustee Shreve motioned to adjourn to closed session at 11:41 a.m. to discuss any lawful purpose permitted by the Open Meeting Act – 5ILCS 120/2, seconded by Trustee Peszynski. A roll call vote was taken: Trustee Paul – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Peszynski - yes. Motion carried.

The regular meeting reconvened at 12:26 p.m. by a motion from closed session. Discussions were had concerning personnel contracts and the potential purchase of property.

Trustee Shreve motioned to renew Chief Vito Bonomo's contract for three years upon the attorney's review and as modified, seconded by Trustee Peszynski. A roll call vote was taken: Trustee Paul – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Peszynski – yes. Motion carried.

Trustee Shreve motioned to extend Deputy Chief Mark Reynolds' contract for one year upon the attorney's review and as modified, seconded by Trustee Paul. A roll call vote was taken: Trustee Paul – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Peszynski – yes. Motion carried.

Trustee Shreve motioned to renew Deputy Chief Chuck Kraft's contract for two years upon the attorney's review and as modified, seconded by Trustee Baish. A roll call vote was taken: Trustee Peszynski – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Paul – yes. Motion carried.

There being no further business, Trustee Shreve motioned to adjourn the meeting at 12:30 p.m., seconded by Trustee Peszynski, all in favor.

The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, February 11, 2025, at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Paul, Secretary

Mary Jo Fazio, Administrative Assistant