



PLAINFIELD FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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BOARD OF FIRE TRUSTEES

President Bob Baish called the April 8, 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, Deputy Chief Chuck Kraft, Attorney John Motylinski, James Howard, Governmental Accounting, and Administrative Assistant Mary Jo Fazio were also in attendance.

Trustee Baish thanked Trustee Ted Peszynski for his time and dedication to serving as a Board Trustee for the Plainfield Fire Protection District for the past six years.

Open Forum – Nothing from the audience.

Correspondence – Trustee Paul read thank you notes from the Will County Emergency Management Agency, thanking us for hosting their Public Preparedness Workshop, and from the Romeoville Fire Department for having our Tower Ladder escort their high school hockey team.

Trustee Shreve motioned to approve the March 19, 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.

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 Paul. A roll call vote was taken: Trustee Peszynski – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Paul – yes. Motion carried.**

Trustee Shreve motioned to pay the bills in the usual manner, seconded by Trustee Peszynski. 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. Chief Bonomo updated the Board on the status of Trammel Crow. No action was taken.

New Business – No Board of Review Notices were received.

No Annexations were received.

No Tax Objections were received.

Attorney's Report – John Motylinski reported that the Lift Assist Bill (ability to charge living facilities) is in the House of Representatives for a full vote. If the Bill passes, it will allow six free lift assists a year. After six, we will be able to charge the facility. The Bill that would exempt fire districts from the Efficiency Act passed in the House of Representatives. The legislative session will close in May.

The Board reviewed the quote from MidAmerica Towers, Inc. for the labor to assemble and install the radio tower at Headquarters. The cost is \$19,500.00. DC Kraft explained the process to the Board and stated that this is a budgeted item. After some discussion, **Trustee Shreve motioned to approve the labor and installation of the radio tower by MidAmerica Towers for \$19,500.00; 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 Peszynski motioned to surplus expired (10 years old) Personal Protective Equipment consisting of 26 bunker coats, 25 bunker pants, and 4 pairs of bunker boots, seconded by Trustee Shreve. A roll call vote was taken: Trustee Paul – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Peszynski - yes. Motion carried. These items will be donated.

Chief's Report – The income from billing services for March 2025 was \$317,229.00 from EMS MC. The billing income for March 2025 from USA Fire Recovery was \$15,458.00.

Chief Vito Bonomo updated the Board on the following items:

- The call rate is up 10% since the beginning of 2025.
- We had three fires in three weeks. There was a solar panel fire on the roof of a house, a vacant restaurant, and a small fire in the back room of a home.
- We should have the final design plans from Narvick, the Construction Manager, for the HQ remodel project next week.
- The standardization of the Fire Prevention Ordinances between Plainfield Fire Prevention, Oswego Fire Department, and the Village of Plainfield is near completion.
- We are still discussing the responsibility of Opticom's maintenance in the district with the Village of Plainfield.
- Station 5 property – They started the property survey. I am meeting with the architect on Wednesday, April 9, 2025, for a design schedule.
- We have two Fire Commissioner positions open. One position is for a three-year term, and the second is for a two-year term to fill a vacancy. The openings are posted on our website for anyone who is interested.

Deputy Chief Mark Reynolds stated that we went out to bid for Fire Prevention's new vehicle. The sealed bids are due back to us on April 22, 2025.

Deputy Chief Chuck Kraft said the Policy Manual will be ready for the Board to review all changes at the May 13, 2025, meeting.

Committee Reports – Nothing to report.

Other Reports – Nothing to report.

The next regular meeting is Tuesday, May 13, 2025, at 11:00 a.m.

There being no further business or a need for a closed session, Trustee Peszynski motioned to adjourn the meeting at 11:25 a.m., seconded by Trustee Shreve, all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Paul, Secretary

Mary Jo Fazio, Administrative Assistant