



PLAINFIELD FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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BOARD OF FIRE TRUSTEES

President Bob Baish called the May 20, 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 Bill Klein – present, Trustee Bob Baish – present, Trustee Doug Shreve – present, and Trustee Bob Dehm – present.

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

President Bob Baish swore in two new Trustees, Bill Klein and Bob Dehm, from the April 1, 2025, election for a six-year term each.

Open Forum – Nothing from the audience.

Correspondence – Chief Bonomo read thank you notes from the Troy Fire Protection District for assisting with a structure fire in their district, the Elwood Fire Protection District assisting with a structure fire in their district, and from the Plainfield YMCA for supporting the 2025 YMCA Gala auction with a ride to school. He also read thank you cards from WESCOM (dispatching center) for helping them celebrate Telecommunicator Week, The Plainfield United Methodist Church for our service, and from a citizen thanking the District and Lt. Joe Schroeder for assisting them during a 911 call.

Trustee Shreve motioned to approve the April 8, 2025, meeting minutes, seconded by Trustee Dehn. A roll call vote was taken: Trustee Dehm – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Klein – yes; Trustee Paul – yes. Motion carried.

Brad O’Sullivan, Governmental Accounting, reviewed the Treasurer’s report with the Board. **Trustee Shreve motioned to accept the Treasurer’s report as presented, seconded by Trustee Klein. A roll call vote was taken: Trustee Paul – 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. A roll call vote was taken: Trustee Dehm – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Klein – 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 (charges assisted living facilities and not the patient) passed in the House of Representatives. If the Bill passes, it will allow six free lift assists a year. After six, we will be able to charge the facility.

Trustee Shreve motioned to accept the Abstract of Votes from Will and Kendall County from the April 1, 2025, election, seconded by Trustee Klein. A roll call vote was taken: Trustee Paul – yes; Trustee Klein – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Dehm – yes. Motion carried.

Trustee Baish motioned to elect the Officers of the Board of Trustees for a two-year term as follows: President – Bob Baish, Secretary – Bob Dehm, Treasurer – Doug Shreve, Bill Klein – Trustee, and Tom Paul – Trustee, seconded by Trustee Shreve. A roll call vote was taken: Trustee Paul – yes; Trustee Klein – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Dehm – yes. Motion carried.

Seeking board consideration and a motion to appoint two Fire Commissioners, one to fill an open position and one to fill a remaining vacancy term. Trustee Baish requested a closed session for discussion.

Seeking board consideration and a motion to appoint a Pension Board Trustee to fill a remaining vacancy term. Trustee Baish requested a closed session for discussion.

Chief Bonomo stated two sealed bids were received for the new 2025 Ford Escape. One was from Rod Baker Ford and the other from Ron Tirapelli Ford. After some discussion and review of the bids, **Trustee Shreve motioned to award Rod Baker Ford, seconded by Trustee Dehm. A roll call vote was taken: Trustee Dehm – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Klein – yes; Trustee Paul – yes. Motion carried.**

Chief Bonomo reviewed some of the changes to the 2025 Policy Manual with the Board. The Board had received a full list of changes before the meeting. After a discussion, and questions were answered, **Trustee Dehm approved the changes to the 2025 Policy Manual of the Board of Trustees of the Plainfield Fire Protection District, seconded by Trustee Klein. A roll call vote was taken: Trustee Paul – yes; Trustee Klein – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Dehm – yes. Motion carried.**

Seeking board consideration and a motion to surplus the battle fogger used for training, and to dispose of it. **Trustee Shreve motioned to surplus the battle fogger for disposal, seconded by Trustee Dehm. A roll call vote was taken: Trustee Paul – yes; Trustee Klein – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Dehm – yes. Motion carried.**

Seeking board consideration and a motion to surplus extrication equipment that is no longer used, and to donate the equipment to another fire department. **Trustee Shreve motioned to surplus the extrication equipment for donation, seconded by Trustee Paul. A roll call vote was taken: Trustee Dehm – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Klein – yes; Trustee Paul – yes. Motion carried.**

Chief's Report – The income from billing services for April 2025 was \$196,707.00 from EMS MC. The billing income for April 2025 from USA Fire Recovery was \$13,868.00.

Chief Vito Bonomo updated the Board on the following items:

- We met with some officials from the City of Joliet regarding Station 5 property.
- We are waiting on permits for Station 5 from IDNR (roadway to go over the ditch) and FEMA (removal of flood plain plan). We should be able to turn in our plans to the City of Joliet in August or September 2025.

- We will have a disaster drill within the Village of Plainfield in the next three months.
- We will recognize Mr. Mora at the June 10, 2025, meeting. Mr. Mora was the first on the scene for a water rescue incident.
- Construction Manager, Narvick Brothers, is managing the bidding process for the HQ front entry remodel project. We will review the sealed bids with Narvick Brothers, and the Board of Trustees will award the appropriate bidders at their meeting.
- Attorney John Motylinski is reviewing the Fire Prevention Ordinance. We will present it at the June 10, 2025, meeting for your review and approval.
- We will be going out to bid for security cameras for all fire stations next month. Our Network Administrator, Michael Adduci, is overseeing this project.
- We hired a recruiting company to make a video that will be used to spotlight the Plainfield Fire Protection District for recruiting new Firefighters/Paramedics. They will be here on May 29 and May 30, 2025.
- We currently have five firefighters/paramedics on workman's compensation.

Deputy Chief Chuck Kraft updated the Board on the status of the new radio tower being installed. All the parts are in, and we are waiting for the weather to improve. The tower should be completely installed by the end of this month.

Committee Reports – Nothing to report.

Other Reports – Nothing to report.

Trustee Shreve motioned to adjourn to a closed session at 11:38 a.m. to discuss any lawful purpose permitted by the Open Meeting Act – 5ILCS 120/2, seconded by Trustee Klein. A roll call vote was taken: Trustee Paul – yes; Trustee Klein – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Dehm – yes. Motion carried.

The regular meeting reconvened at 11:50 a.m. by a motion from a closed session. Discussions were held regarding the open Commissioners positions and the Pension Board position.

Trustee Dehm motioned to appoint Dale Hurley as a Fire Commissioner for a 3-year term and Steve Iovinelli to fill the remaining 2-year vacancy term, seconded by Trustee Shreve. A roll call vote was taken: Trustee Paul – yes; Trustee Klein – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Dehm – yes. Motion carried.

Trustee Shreve motioned to appoint Warren Lindsey as a Pension Board member, seconded by Trustee Dehm. A roll call vote was taken: Trustee Dehm – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Klein – yes; Trustee Paul – yes. Motion carried.

The next regular meeting is Tuesday, June 10, 2025, at 11:00 a.m.

There being no further business, Trustee Shreve motioned to adjourn the meeting at 11:51 a.m., seconded by Trustee Dehm, all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Dehm, Secretary

Mary Jo Fazio, Administrative Assistant