



# PLAINFIELD FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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## BOARD OF FIRE TRUSTEES

Trustee Barnes called the special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Plainfield Fire Protection District to order at 5:00 p.m. held on Monday, August 28, 2017 at the Fire District Headquarters, 23748 W. 135<sup>th</sup> St., Plainfield, IL with the Pledge of Allegiance.

A roll call attendance was taken as follows: Tom Paul – present; Bob Baish – present; William Barnes – present; Doug Shreve – present; Jim Lehmann – present. Also in attendance were Chief Riddle, Deputy Chief Jon Stratton, Finance/HR Director Cheree Lewis, Administrative Assistant Mary Jo Fazio, Attorney Tom Gilbert and BC Vince Baudek.

Open Forum – Nothing at this time.

**Business** – Board consideration and a motion to accept the proposed Information Technology (IT) replacement for Jim Melaniphy. Chief Riddle reviewed the proposed replacement company (CDS Office Technologies) with the Board and Jim Melaniphy was there to answer any question they may have. He also stated CDS would start around October 1, 2017 if approved. After some discussion, **a motion was made by Trustee Shreve to accept the recommendation as presented by Chief Riddle, seconded by Trustee Baish.** A roll call vote was taken as follows: Trustee Lehmann – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Barnes – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Paul – yes. Motion carried.

Board consideration and a motion to accept the proposed financial and payroll replacement for Cheree Lewis. Chief Riddle stated Governmental Accounting Services (financial) fee is \$68,400.00 and Howard Simon (payroll) fee is \$11,500.00. He stated both services would start around October 1, 2017 if approved. After a brief discussion, **a motion was made by Trustee Shreve to approve G.A.S. and Howard Simon as the financial and accounting replacements for Cheree Lewis, seconded by Trustee Paul.** A roll call vote was taken as follows: Trustee Paul – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Barnes – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Lehmann – yes. Motion carried.

Board consideration and a motion to purchase additional sound equipment for the District. Chief Riddle explained the sound system would be used for the Annual Open House and any other function the District hosts. The approximate cost is \$7,100.00. He mentioned the Foreign Fire Tax Board agreed to share 1/3 of the cost. Chief is planning to ask the Department if they would pay for 1/3 as well. After discussing the sound system, **a motion was made by Trustee Baish to purchase the sound equipment, seconded by Trustee Lehmann.** A roll call vote was taken as follows: Trustee Lehmann – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Barnes – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Paul – yes. Motion carried.

Board consideration and a motion to renew the Kurtz Paramedic contract. The Board reviewed the agreement from Kurtz as presented. After much discussion, **a motion was made by Trustee Shreve to renew the Kurtz Paramedic contract for two years for an amount not to exceed 4% of the previous annual contract cost, seconded by Trustee Paul.** A roll call vote was taken as follows: Trustee Paul – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Barnes – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Lehmann – yes. Motion carried.

There was a brief conversation in regard to the construction on our property from the Cell Tower Company.

**A motion was made by Trustee Lehmann to adjourn to closed session at 5:35 p.m. to discuss workman's compensation, personnel issues, collective bargaining progress, potential sale and/or lease of real estate and pending or threatened litigation, seconded by Trustee Shreve, all in favor.**

The regular meeting reconvened at 5:54 p.m. by motion from closed session. Trustee Barnes stated that during closed session, discussion was held with regard to personnel issues and pending or threatened litigation.

**A motion was made by Trustee Shreve to give Attorney Tom Gilbert the authority to settle the pending grievance prior to arbitration, seconded by Trustee Lehmann. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Trustee Paul – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Barnes – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Lehmann – yes. Motion carried.**

**There being no further business, a motion was made by Trustee Lehmann to adjourn the meeting at 5:56 p.m., seconded by Trustee Baish, all in favor.**

Respectfully submitted,

James R. Lehmann, Secretary  
Mary Jo Fazio, Administrative Assistant