

## PLAINFIELD FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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## **BOARD OF FIRE TRUSTEES**

Trustee William Barnes called the November 13, 2018 meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Plainfield Fire Protection District to order at 6:15 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance at the District Headquarters located at 23748 W. 135<sup>th</sup> Street, Plainfield, IL in the Board of Trustees Meeting Room.

A roll call attendance was taken as follows: Trustee Jim Lehmann - present; Trustee Doug Shreve – present; Trustee Bill Barnes – present; Trustee Bob Baish – present; Trustee Tom Paul - present.

Also in attendance were Deputy Chief Stratton; Assistant Chief Reynolds; Battalion Chief Obman; Attorney John Motylinski, Ottosen Britz; Brad O'Sullivan, Governmental Accounting and Admin. Assistant Mary Jo Fazio

**Open Forum** – Nothing from the audience.

**Correspondence** – Trustee Lehmann read thank you notes from a citizen involved in a traffic accident, thanking St. 3 and St. 4 Black shift and off duty FF/PM Chris Hinchliffe for their assistance and from Crystal Lawns 1<sup>st</sup> Grade students for visiting their class.

A motion was made by Trustee Lehmann to approve the October 9, 2018 meeting minutes, seconded by Trustee Shreve, all in favor. Motion carried.

Gary Kosnoff, One Digital and Dean Cass, Dean W. Cass, Inc. presented to the Board the 2019 benefits renewal proposal. Gary recommended keeping the existing medical and dental plans. He suggested changing the vision coverage as presented. After a brief conversation, a motion was made by Trustee Lehmann to accept benefit plans as presented, seconded by Trustee Shreve. 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.

Brad O'Sullivan, Governmental Accounting, presented the Treasurer's report to the Board. After the Board reviewed the Treasurer's report, a motion was made by Trustee Shreve to accept the October 2018 Treasurer's report, 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.

A motion was made by Trustee Shreve to pay the bills in the usual manner, 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.

Old Business — Deputy Chief Stratton reviewed the Public Education Officer position with the Board. He stated they are planning to fill this position in 2019 and that it will be in the budget. He requested approval from the Board to proceed with the process. After some conversation, a motion was made by Trustee Paul to approve the Public Education Officer position in 2019 and to proceed with the process, seconded by Trustee Shreve. 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.

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Closed session was requested to discuss the salary and benefits package for the new Training/Safety Officer Battalion Chief.

Closed session was requested to discuss Deputy Chief Jon Stratton's employment agreement.

**New Business** – No Board of Review notices were received.

One new Annexation was received from the City of Naperville. Attorney John Motylinski stated we have no legal basis to challenge it. He informed the Board they could seek reparations for it under Section 20 Fire District Act. We would receive five years of statutory payments as a means for losing that territory. The Attorney will prepare a letter for this annexation.

No new Tax Objection Notices were received.

Attorney's Report – nothing further to report.

Consider and possibly approve the Kurtz Contract salary adjustments. After a lengthy conversation, a motion was made by Trustee Shreve to approve a 2.5% salary adjustment that will expire September 1, 2019, 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.

Consideration and possibly approve the Intergovernmental Agreement and Tax Abatement for the 143<sup>rd</sup> Street project. The Board reviewed the agreement and after some discussion, a motion was made by Trustee Baish to accept the agreement as prepared, seconded by Trustee Shreve. 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.

Discussion on the Open Meeting Act was tabled until the next meeting.

**Chief's Report** – It was reported that income from billing services was \$190,452.27 from Andres Medical. Billing income from USA Fire Recovery was \$4,397.28. All other reports have been distributed for review.

**Committee Reports** – Trustee Paul stated the Vehicle Committee had a meeting on November 13, 2018. They hope to have the specifications ready to go out for bid for the new engine in December 2018.

A motion was made by Trustee Shreve to adjourn to closed session at 6:27 p.m. to discuss workman's compensation, personnel issues, collective bargaining progress, potential sale and/or lease of real estate, pending or threatened litigation and for any other lawful purpose permitted by the Open Meeting Act, seconded by Trustee Baish, all in favor.

The regular meeting reconvened at 6:50 p.m. by motion from closed session. Trustee Barnes stated that during closed session, discussion was held with regard to personnel issues.

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A motion was made by Trustee Shreve to approve the salary and benefits package for the Training/Safety Officer Battalion Chief, seconded by Trustee Baish. 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 Shreve to adjourn the meeting at 7:19 p.m., seconded by Trustee Paul, all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

James Lehmann, Secretary Mary Jo Fazio, Administrative Assistant