



PLAINFIELD FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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BOARD OF FIRE TRUSTEES

Trustee William Barnes called the March 12, 2019 meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Plainfield Fire Protection District to order at 6:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance at the District Headquarters located at 23748 W. 135th Street, Plainfield, IL in the Board of Trustees Meeting Room.

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

Also in attendance were Chief Jon Stratton; Deputy Chief Vito Bonomo; Battalion Chief Vince Baudek; Attorney Shawn Flaherty, Ottosen Britz; Brad Sullivan, Governmental Accounting and Admin. Assistant Mary Jo Fazio

Open Forum – Nothing from the audience.

Correspondence – Trustee Lehmann read a thank you note from Senator Jennifer Bertino-Tarrant for participating in the Annual Kids Fair.

A motion was made by Trustee Lehmann to approve the February 12, 2019 meeting minutes, seconded by Trustee Paul, all in favor. Motion carried.

Brad Sullivan, Governmental Accounting, presented the Treasurer's report to the Board. After the Board reviewed the report, **a motion was made by Trustee Lehmann to accept the Treasurer's report, as presented, seconded by Trustee Paul. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Trustee Lehmann – yes; Trustee Barnes – yes; Trustee Paul - yes. Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Trustee Paul to pay the bills in the usual manner, seconded by Trustee Lehmann. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Trustee Lehmann – yes; Trustee Barnes – yes; Trustee Paul - yes. Motion carried.

Old Business – Nothing to report.

New Business – No Board of Review notices were received.

No Annexations were received.

No new Tax Objection Notices were received.

Attorney's Report – Shawn Flaherty stated the Minimum Wage Law has passed. By 2025 all employees have to earn \$15.00 hour. He also stated the Prevailing Wage Act has been amended. This means the Board will no longer have to accept the June Prevailing Wage Resolution; the state adopted a rate schedule for Will County which can be found on the Internet.

He reminded the Board that Legislative Day is April 10, 2019 through the Illinois Association of Fire Districts.

Chief Stratton reviewed the quote for the Scott POSI3 kits that will be used for SCBA testing. The total cost is \$13,953.60. Testing will be conducted in-house with the kits so they will pay for themselves in less than three years. After some discussion, **a motion was made by Trustee Lehmann to purchase the Scott POSI3 kits for \$13,953.60, seconded by Trustee Paul. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Trustee Lehmann – yes; Trustee Barnes – yes; Trustee Paul – yes. Motion carried.**

Chief Stratton stated there are seven (7) EF Johnson portable radios and accessories he would like declared as surplus since they are not compatible with StarCom. He informed the Board that there is a Fire Department that would be interested in purchasing the radios. After a brief discussion, **a motion was made by Trustee Paul to surplus seven EF Johnson portable radios and accessories, seconded by Trustee Lehmann. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Trustee Lehmann – yes; Trustee Barnes – yes; Trustee Paul – yes. Motion carried.**

Chief Stratton asked the Board to approve the purchase of a new ambulance. It would replace 1934 (2009) ambulance. This purchase would be based on the Governmental Co-op program. After a discussion was held, **a motion was made by Trustee Paul to authorize the purchase of the ambulance subject to bona fide joint purchasing, seconded by Trustee Lehmann. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Trustee Paul – yes; Trustee Barnes – yes; Trustee Lehmann – yes. Motion carried.**

Deputy Chief Bonomo reviewed the proposal and benefits of the National Fire Operations Reporting System (NFORS) with the Board. There is a one-time implementation fee of \$5,000.00 and the yearly fee is based on the department's protected population which would be \$8,000.00 a year. This expense is in the budget. After a lengthy discussion, **a motion was made by Trustee Lehmann to purchase the NFORS reporting system based on the proposal, seconded by Trustee Paul. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Trustee Lehmann – yes; Trustee Barnes – yes; Trustee Paul – yes. Motion carried.**

Chief Stratton explained to the Board the teleconferencing system upgrades at all four stations and that it would be paid for by the IPRF Grant. He is asking for the Board's approval to proceed with the upgrades. **A motion was made by Trustee Paul to approve the teleconferencing upgrades at all four stations, seconded by Trustee Lehmann. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Trustee Lehmann – yes; Trustee Barnes – yes; Trustee Paul – yes. Motion carried.**

Chief's Report – It was reported that income from billing services was \$109,540.63 from Andres Medical. Billing income from USA Fire Recovery was \$960.00. All other reports have been distributed for review.

Chief Stratton reported the flag pole at St. 4 broke in half during the last wind storm. The pole will not be replaced so they will fly the American flag on top and the District flag below it.

Committee Reports – Nothing to report at this time.

There being no further business or the need for closed session, a motion was made by Trustee Lehmann to adjourn the meeting at 6:26 p.m., seconded by Trustee Paul, all in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

James Lehmann, Secretary
Mary Jo Fazio, Administrative Assistant