



PLAINFIELD FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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BOARD OF FIRE TRUSTEES

Trustee William Barnes called the April 9, 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 Bob Baish – present; Trustee Bill Barnes – present; Trustee Doug Shreve – Present; Trustee Jim Lehmann – present.

Also in attendance were Chief Jon Stratton; Deputy Chief Vito Bonomo; Assistant Chief Mark Reynolds; Attorney Tom Gilbert, Ottosen Britz; James Howard, Governmental Accounting and Admin. Assistant Mary Jo Fazio

Open Forum – Nothing from the audience.

Correspondence – Trustee Lehmann read thank you notes from St. Mary Immaculate Parrish for donating a ride to school for their fundraiser and from a resident to Fire Inspectors Ryan Angelus and Stan Czajkowski for helping with their smoke detectors.

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

James Howard, Governmental Accounting, presented the Treasurer's report to the Board. After the Board reviewed the report, **a motion was made by Trustee Baish to accept the Treasurer's report, as presented, 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 Paul – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Barnes – yes; Trustee Shreve - yes; Trustee Lehmann - yes. Motion carried.

Old Business – Future Staffing Options – Chief Stratton stated Deputy Chief Bonomo will be attending the Firefighter's Union meeting on Thursday, April 11, 2019, and will meet with the Company Officers at their meeting on Monday, April 22, 2019, to present the staffing options.

New Business – No Board of Review notices were received.

One Annexation was received. Attorney Tom Gilbert stated there is no action to be taken.

No new Tax Objection Notices were received.

Attorney's Report – Tom Gilbert indicated there are two Pension Bills in legislation. The first is the Secondary Employment Pension Bill and the second is to take the pension section of the levy and to exempt it. It would not be included in the capped amount.

Chief Stratton explained the language in section 3.17 – Pay Procedure of the Plainfield Fire Protection Policy Manual for part-time employees would change from being paid on a twenty-eight-day cycle to a bi-weekly cycle. After a brief discussion, **a motion was made by Trustee Baish to revise the language in the policy manual as presented, 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.**

Purchase a new rescue boat – Training Officer / Battalion Chief Chuck Kraft presented three proposals to the Board for the new boat. First was a SeaArk - \$42,795.00; the second was a KingFisher - \$69,500.00 and third was an Inboard Jet – 69,748.00. After the Board reviewed the proposals and had a discussion about them, **a motion was made by Trustee Shreve to purchase the 2019 KingFisher boat not to exceed \$69,500.00, 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.**

Chief Stratton advised the Board that gravel is needed in the Vehicle Machinery Operator training area. He said they would use limestone and received a quote not to exceed \$12,000.00 for that area. After some discussion, **a motion was made by Trustee Paul to purchase the gravel but not to exceed \$12,000.00, 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.**

Surplus obsolete Hurst equipment – Chief Stratton stated the equipment is old, obsolete and because of that, they are unable to use it anymore. He might be able to donate it to a school for their training needs. **A motion was made by Trustee Shreve to surplus the obsolete Hurst equipment, seconded by Trustee Paul. 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.**

Surplus two 1997 Mercury Motors (25 & 30 hp) and two Jon Boats – Chief Stratton informed the Board that the two motors will be auctioned/sold and the two Jon Boats will be used for training. After a brief discussion, **a motion was made by Trustee Lehmann to surplus two 1997 Mercury Motors and two Jon Boats, seconded by Trustee Shreve. All in favor.**

Chief Stratton requested closed session to review Deputy Chief Bonomo's contract.

Appoint a Commissioner – The Board agreed to post a notice of interest on the website in May.

Chief's Report – It was reported that income from billing services was \$122,503.38 from Andres Medical. Billing income from USA Fire Recovery was \$3,949.62. All other reports have been distributed for review.

Chief Stratton reported the new Expedition (Chief's vehicle) is in EVT Rick Kruger's maintenance shop. He will be installing the emergency lights and siren. The Ford F350 was used as a trade-in for \$10,000.00.

Committee Reports – Nothing to report at this time.

A motion was made by Trustee Barnes to adjourn to closed session at 6:35 p.m. to discuss workman's compensation, personnel issues, collective bargaining progress, potential sale and/or lease of real estate or to establish a price for the sale of any property, pending or threatened litigation and for any other lawful purpose permitted by the Open Meeting Act, seconded by Trustee Shreve, all in favor. Motion carried.

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The regular meeting reconvened at 7:07 p.m. by a motion from closed session. Personnel issues were discussed.

Trustee Shreve made a motion to accept Deputy Chief Bonomo's contract as presented, 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 Lehmann to adjourn the meeting at 7:09 p.m., seconded by Trustee Paul, all in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

James Lehmann, Secretary

Mary Jo Fazio, Administrative Assistant