



PLAINFIELD FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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BOARD OF FIRE TRUSTEES

Trustee William Barnes called the August 13, 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 Ted Peszynski - present; Trustee Doug Shreve – present; Trustee Bill Barnes – present; Trustee Bob Baish – present; Trustee Tom Paul – 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 – Resident Mark Stofko asked the Board why the Chief's vehicle isn't lettered.

Correspondence – Trustee Paul read thank you notes from a resident for saving her cat; State Representative Mark Batnick for participating in the Child Safety Expo (gold shift duty crews & Ryan Angelus); and from DCFS Joliet office for attending their kid's picnic (black shift, St. 4).

A motion was made by Trustee Peszynski to approve the July 9, 2019 meeting minutes, seconded by Trustee Paul, 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 Peszynski -yes. Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Trustee Shreve to pay the bills in the usual manner, 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 Peszynski - 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 – Tom Gilbert reported Senate Bill 37 is still ongoing regarding PT employees. When the bill is signed, all full-time employees working part-time at another department will be required to submit any exposures to hazardous materials or carcinogens to their primary employer's pension fund. All secondary employers will be required to send an annual statement of wages earned by the secondary employer to the primary employer's pension fund.

The Board reviewed the proposal to renew the Fire District's liability, vehicle, and complete insurance package with Corkill Insurance. After some discussion, **a motion was made by Trustee Peszynski to renew the annual insurance premium with Corkill Insurance in the amount of \$76,274.00 through August 23, 2020, 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 Peszynski – yes. Motion carried.**

First Arriving Digital Dashboard Services – AC Reynolds outlined the visual management program to the Board. He stated that grant money would be used to purchase the program. The cost would be a one-time fee of \$9,412.00 for nine devices, nine license, and accessories. It would then be \$3,591.00 each year after for licenses. After much discussion, **a motion was made by Trustee Shreve to purchase nine First Arriving Digital Dashboard Services devices, licenses, and accessories in the amount of \$9,412.00 and nine licenses at a yearly fee of \$3,591.00 after the first year, 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 Peszynski – yes. Motion carried.**

Consideration and a motion to approve the contract agreement with Kurtz Paramedic Services for 2020 was tabled until the next meeting.

Approve a new awning at St. 4 – Paul Stauffer received quotes for a new awning at St. 4 from Chesterfield Awning, Thatcher Oaks Awnings and Shading Solutions Group. After reviewing the quotes, Paul is recommending Shading Solutions in the amount of \$12,980.00. After some discussion, **a motion was made by Trustee Paul to purchase awnings for stations 1, 3 and 4, 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 Peszynski – yes. Motion carried.**

The Board re-considered its motion to purchase three awnings. A roll call vote was taken to purchase one awning as follows: Trustee Paul – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Barnes – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Peszynski – yes. Motion carried.

Chief Stratton explained to the Board the need to have the retention/detention pond cleaned up at HQ. A quote was received from McGinty Bros. for the 2019-2020 season in the amount of \$12,360.00. This would include a prescribed burn, selective clearing, and herbicide application. **A motion was made by Trustee Baish to hire McGinty Bros. for the clean-up in the amount of \$12,360.00, 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 Peszynski – yes. Motion carried.**

Surplus three (3) Panasonic Toughbooks that are not compatible with our programs. After a brief discussion, **a motion was made by Trustee Baish to surplus the Toughbooks, seconded by Trustee Peszynski, A roll call vote was taken as follows: Trustee Paul – yes; Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Barnes – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Peszynski – yes. Motion carried.**

Surplus 1919's MSA AltAir5 – 4 gas meter. Chief Stratton stated the gas meter is at the end of its useful life. The parts and unit are now obsolete. **A motion was made by Trustee Peszynski to surplus the gas meter, seconded by Trustee Baish, all in favor. Motion carried.**

Modify vacation time accrual for the 40 hours/week Battalion Chief. Chief Stratton stated the Battalion Chief's vacation accrual would be based on time served according to the District Policy Manual for the 40 hours/week BC. After a short conversation, **a motion was made by Trustee Baish to modify the vacation time for the 40 hours/week BC per the policy manual, seconded by Trustee Shreve, all in favor. Motion carried.**

Renewal of Chief Stratton's contract. The Board assigned two members to evaluate Chief Stratton and approve the renewal of his contract at the September 2019 meeting.

Chief's Report – It was reported that income from billing services was \$186,167.61 from Andres Medical. Billing income from USA Fire Recovery was \$5,754.00. All other reports have been distributed for review.

Chief Stratton reported they had a contractor examine the steel on the balcony at Headquarters due to its rusting and the settling of concrete in the front entry of the building. He will update the Board when he has more information.

Chief Stratton informed the Board they are waiting for a third party to inspect the roofs at stations 1, 2, 3 & 4 for hail damage. Chief Stratton will keep the Board informed on their findings.

The following people will be going to Iowa to inspect the new ambulance on September 11, 2019; EVT Rick Kruger, FF/PM Matt Jolly and PM Troy Hambly. The new ambulance should be delivered to us by mid-September 2019.

Chief Stratton stated they are working on a policy change for the Board to review in the near future with regard to salary personnel (Chiefs) being deployed to a natural disaster and the district receiving compensation for it.

Committee Reports – Nothing to report at this time.

There being no further business or a need for closed session, a motion was made by Trustee Shreve to adjourn the meeting at 6:48 p.m., seconded by Trustee Peszynski, all in favor. Motion carried.

The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, September 10, 2019, at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Paul, Secretary

Mary Jo Fazio, Administrative Assistant