



# PLAINFIELD FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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## BOARD OF FIRE TRUSTEES

Trustee William Barnes called the September 10, 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. 135<sup>th</sup> 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 was absent.

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

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

Chief Stratton presented Trustee Barnes and Attorney Tom Gilbert birthday cards.

**Correspondence** – Trustee Barnes read a note from a citizen thanking Station 1, Gold shift for responding to a medical emergency call for his father. He also read a thank you note from the Village of Plainfield Police Department for participating in the National Night Out 2019 event.

**A motion was made by Trustee Baish to approve the August 13, 2019, special meeting minutes, seconded by Trustee Peszynski, all in favor. Motion carried.**

**A motion was made by Trustee Peszynski to approve the August 13, 2019 meeting minutes, seconded by Trustee Shreve, all in favor. Motion carried.**

**A motion was made by Trustee Baish to approve the August 28, 2019, special meeting minutes, seconded by Trustee Peszynski, 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 Peszynski to accept the Treasurer's report, as presented, seconded by Trustee Shreve. A roll call vote was taken as follows: 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 Peszynski. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Barnes – yes; Trustee Shreve - yes; Trustee Peszynski - yes. Motion carried.**

**Old Business** – The two Board members that were appointed to evaluate Chief Stratton's performance met with him on August 14, 2019. After a brief discussion, **a motion was made by Trustee Shreve to extend Chief Stratton's contract with the salary to be determined, seconded by Trustee Peszynski. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Barnes – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Peszynski – yes. Motion carried.**

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

No Annexations were received.

No new Tax Objection Notices were received.

Attorney's Report – Nothing to report.

Brian LeFevre from Sikich LLP presented the 2018 audit to the Board. After some discussion, **a motion was made by Trustee Baish to accept the 2018 audit as presented, seconded by Trustee Shreve. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Barnes – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Peszynski – yes. Motion carried.**

Deputy Chief Bonomo explained the Flow MSP software and the benefits of using it. He stated this could potentially be a regional software that will allow interaction with other departments. The cost is a one-time implementation fee of \$1,000.00 and a yearly license fee of \$4,000.00. After some dialog, **a motion was made by Trustee Shreve to approve the purchase of the Flow MSP software with a start-up cost of \$5,000.00, seconded by Trustee Peszynski. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Barnes – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Peszynski – yes. Motion carried.**

Assistant Chief Reynolds presented to the Board items to be purchased with the Illinois Public Risk Fund Grant funds. Trustee Barnes asked for an itemized list along with the costs be presented to the Board at the next meeting. **A motion was made by Trustee Baish to approve the purchase of the items as presented, seconded by Trustee Shreve. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Trustee Peszynski – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Barnes – yes; Trustee Baish – yes. Motion carried.**

Chief Stratton indicated he would like to have all of the stations' overhead doors painted red. He stated he received a proposal from Tucker's Painting in the amount of \$13,650.00. After a short conversation, **a motion was made by Trustee Peszynski to approve painting the overhead doors at all of the stations as presented, seconded by Trustee Baish. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Barnes – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Peszynski – yes. Motion carried.**

Seeking Board consideration and a motion to approve the Fire Life & Safety Grant application as presented. **A motion was made by Trustee Baish to approve the Fire Life & Safety Grant application in the amount of \$575.00, seconded by Trustee Shreve. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Barnes – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Peszynski – yes. Motion carried.**

Seeking Board consideration and a motion to release a portion of the July 10, 2018, closed session minutes and verbatim record. After a brief discussion, **a motion was made by Trustee Baish to release a portion of July 10, 2018, closed session minutes and verbatim record, seconded by Trustee Shreve. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Trustee Baish – yes; Trustee Barnes – yes; Trustee Shreve – yes; Trustee Peszynski – yes. Motion carried.**

**Chief's Report** – It was reported that income from billing services was \$115,713.93 from Andres Medical. Billing income from USA Fire Recovery was \$5,153.60. All other reports have been distributed for review.

Chief Stratton informed the Board the six new Firefighter/Paramedic candidates are going through the hiring process.

There will be a Labor negotiations meeting on September 25, 2019.

Chief Stratton stated the boat that was ordered earlier in the year should be received by the end of September 2019.

**Committee Reports** – Nothing to report at this time.

**A motion was made by Trustee Barnes to adjourn to closed session at 6:58 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.**

The regular meeting reconvened at 7:13 p.m. by a motion from closed session. Workman's compensation and personnel issues were discussed.

**There being no further business, a motion was made by Trustee Shreve to adjourn the meeting at 7:14 p.m., seconded by Trustee Peszynski, all in favor. Motion carried.**

**The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, October 8, 2019, at 6:00 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

*Tom Paul, Secretary*

Mary Jo Fazio, Administrative Assistant